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Defence gets top priority in manifesto

Benazir pledges to shun politics of hate

KARACHI, Oct 14, (Reuters) — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto pledged yesterday to shun the politics of hate and revenge if she won next month's elections.

Introducing the manifesto of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP), she said an emotional tribute to those who had suffered during the 11-year rule of the late military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

She referred indirectly to her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was ousted as Prime Minister in 1977 by Zia and hanged after 18 months in jail on conspiracy to murder charges.

Prospects

"The sacrifice and struggle, the lashings and the lonely defiance in a death cell have not gone in vain," she said.

"They have steered our purpose."

But she added: "We shall not involve ourselves in the politics of hate or in the politics of revenge as we have set farther aims for ourselves and the nation."

Zia's death in a plane crash in August transformed Benazir's



Benazir

political prospects. Most analysts see her PPP as a strong contender to win a plurality of National Assembly seats in the Nov 16 election.

She told a news conference a PPP government would permit free foreign investment in areas where Pakistan needed technical development. It would allow full freedom for domestic private enterprise and not resort to nationalisation.

The manifesto said the party would encourage the growth of a middle class to stimulate Pakis-

tan's economic development, a theme Benazir has stressed in recent years.

It also said the defence of Pakistan was the party's first priority. But it pledged to develop the country's arms industry, which it said was at a rudimentary stage, to make Pakistan less dependent on foreign weapons.

The PPP promised to free political prisoners, restore the 1973 constitution introduced under her father, devolve greater powers to the provinces, and raise literacy from the current levels of 25 per cent to 90 per cent within five years.

Benazir called on the caretaker government of acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to allow people to vote without producing identity cards.

Demands

Hundreds of thousands of people in Punjab province had lost all their belongings in recent floods and obtaining replacement card was difficult, she said.

She said her mother Nusrat, who sat beside her at the news conference, had tried unsuccessfully to get the necessary form at seven post offices in Karachi.

Pakistan's biggest city.

Benazir also reiterated demands for the sacking of the caretaker provincial and federal governments, whose leaders are standing against the PPP. Free and fair elections could not be guaranteed under their supervision, she said.

But chief Election Commissioner S.A. Nusrat said judges had been brought in to help administer the poll and they were not employed by the governments.

Resigned

The Election Commission would not allow anyone to tamper with the results, he said in an interview with the official news agency APP.

● Pakistani Industries Minister Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain said today he had resigned to fight next month's elections.

He will contest a seat in the National Assembly from Gujrat district north of Lahore.

Hussain told reporters he wanted to contest the election as an ordinary citizen and so had handed over his portfolio first.

"This, I think, is very essential in order to achieve the objectives of fair, free and impartial elections," he said.

China ready to develop ties with Saudi Arabia

BEIJING, Oct 14, (AP) — Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang said yesterday that China is willing to develop friendly ties with Saudi Arabia, one of the few countries that still recognises the nationalist Chinese in Taiwan.

"No conflicts of interest exist between China and Saudi Arabia," the official Xinhua news agency quoted Zhao as telling a special envoy of Saudi King Fahd.

The envoy, Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, arrived on Wednesday with a letter from King Fahd. Xinhua said he delivered the letter to Zhao but did not disclose its contents. He said China is willing to develop "friendly co-operative relations with Saudi Arabia in all fields," Xinhua said. It did not give the Saudi envoy's response.

Deal

China sold Saudi Arabia intermediate-range missiles earlier this year in the first known military deal between the two countries. Xinhua announced in April that China had sent a special envoy to Saudi Arabia with a message for King Fahd "on the Gulf situation and the Middle East problem."

China has been trying recently to strengthen its ties with Arab nations and increase its influence in the Gulf region, where Iran and Iraq have been at war for eight years. It established diplomatic relations in July with Qatar, leaving Saudi Arabia and Bahrain the only conservative Arab states with which it lacks ties.

Thatcher spells out policies for 1990s

BRIGHTON, Oct 14, (Reuters) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher spelled out today the ruling Conservative Party's agenda for the next decade, painting a picture of a Britain in which prosperity and social responsibility grew in tandem.

In a rousing finale to the party's 10th annual conference since gaining power, Thatcher said the Conservatives occupied "the common ground of British politics."

"It has fallen to us to lead Britain into the 1990s, and, who knows, perhaps beyond," she added.

In a direct attack on opposition Labour Party charges that her government had created a greedy, selfish society, the prime minister declared: "It's time we took credit for some of the things we have achieved... prosperity has created not the selfish society but the generous society."

Prosperity

Thatcher said that under her leadership Britons had come to enjoy greater individual freedom, prosperity and social responsibility which "gives more dignity to the individual and more strength to the community."

She added: "That freedom entails responsibilities, first to the family, then to neighbours, then to nation — and beyond."

Thatcher's hour-long speech, punctuated by frequent bursts of applause and cheers from the 4,000 conference delegates, was the highlight of the four-day meeting.

Boost for Arab literature

Egyptian novelist wins Nobel prize

STOCKHOLM, Oct 14, (Reuters) — An Egyptian novelist, ranked by critics alongside literary giants such as Dickens, Zola and Dostoyevsky, has become the first Arabic-language writer to win the Nobel literature prize.

The announcement yesterday by the Swedish Academy of Letters came as a bombshell to the literary world and to the writer himself, Naguib Mahfouz. The 77-year-old retired civil servant was preparing for his daily afternoon nap when the news came through.

Requests

"His writings have meant a powerful upswing for the novel as a genre and for the development of the literary language in Arabic-speaking cultural circles... his work speaks to us all," the 18-strong committee of Swedish authors and academics said in its citation accompanying the \$390,000 award.

Tributes to Mahfouz soon began to stream in, as well as requests to his publishers for translation rights.

Mahfouz, who has written more than 50 books, some of which have aroused great controversy in the Arab world, joked that some of his friends now called him Naguib Mahfouz (the lucky).

The Swedish Academy of Letters said he won the award for "works rich in nuance, now clear-sightedly realistic, now evocatively ambiguous."

Mahfouz, a slim grey-haired man with dark glasses, commented: "Clarity is valuable, but ambiguity sometimes has its values too."

He received a token gift from Swedish Ambassador Lars Olof Brilioth, but said he might not be able to travel to Stockholm to



Naguib Mahfouz

receive the award personally.

"I was told by the ambassador that I can delegate a member of my family to receive the prize... I doubt that I will be able to go myself because of my health," said Mahfouz, who is now partially deaf.

Mahfouz, the first Arab to win the Nobel prize for literature, said today the award put Arabic literature firmly on the world map.

"The award is material evidence that Arabic literature can now enter the international arena with other literature and compete with it," he told Reuters.

Reaction

"Arabic literature has always been known internationally but this award is the first clear recognition of its presence."

Mahfouz, interviewed during his daily walk along a street on the bank of the River Nile, said he was still puzzled as to who nominated him for the prize.

"To this moment I don't know who nominated me. When told I had won the award my first reaction was complete surprise and I did not believe it," he said with a smile.

Many Egyptians were equally surprised when Cairo television announced that he had won the 1988 award as first item on its news bulletin.

"An Egyptian winning the Nobel prize... what has happened to the world," one housewife cried with joy.

Jordanian writer and art critic Khaled Al Karaki said: "Mahfouz's winning is an important event... we believe that any international award as this one is in principle a recognition of the Arab literature movement."

Jordan's Culture Ministry Secretary-General Hani Al Amad said Mahfouz should have received the award 20 years ago.

"This prize honours his literature and the true Arab culture... he has opened the door for many other Arabs to follow," he told Reuters.

Moroccan Writers' Federation President Ahmed Al Yabouri said: "We feel that the Nobel literature award has gained credibility in recognising a writer in the Arabic language."

Novelist Mohammed Barrada said the award was given to a great writer, and Moroccan publisher Abdullah Stouky said it brought a sigh of relief, consecrating Arab literature.

A prominent Iraqi poet Hameed Sa'ed secretary-general of the General Federation of Arab Writers, told Reuters: "For many years I have argued that Mahfouz deserved a Nobel prize (Continued on Page 2)

Results of crash probe on Monday

WASHINGTON, Oct 14, (Reuters) — US officials said today Pakistan was expected to release on Monday its findings in an investigation of the plane crash that killed Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

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A resident of the Sabra area inspects his car destroyed in a car bomb explosion in Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

Parliament called to elect speaker

Beirut car bomb kills 3, hurts 33

BEIRUT, Oct 14, (Agencies) — A car bomb killed three people in Beirut today and Lebanon's parliamentary speaker warned that a deepening leadership crisis threatened the country with permanent war.

Hussein Hussein was addressing the nation after calling on deputies to elect a new speaker, amid fears his post would be left empty after three weeks of political deadlock.

Hussein's term expires next Tuesday, and lack of a parliamentary speaker will only add to the political chaos threatening to tear the country apart.

Exists

"Your country is threatened with annihilation," said the Shiite Muslim. "I tell you if a united state no longer exists your disintegrated country will be an arena for unending war."

In West Beirut, a bomb blast tore through rush-hour crowds near a Syrian Army checkpoint in the impoverished Sabra district, killing three people and wounding 33, including a Syrian soldier.

The Syrian was hit by glass when an estimated 50 kg (110 pounds) of TNT packed in a Fiat car exploded and ripped through Sabra, setting scores of cars ablaze and damaging 30 shops.

"Save my baby...please save

my baby," screamed a pregnant middle-aged Lebanese woman, before she died of her wounds.

Hussein, who also names the date and venue for presidential elections, urged the country's 76 surviving deputies to elect a new speaker next Tuesday in the old Parliament at Nejmeh Square in devastated downtown Beirut.

Hussein's one-year term ends the same day and the constitution gives no guidance on what happens if no new speaker is agreed on. Thirty-nine votes are needed for a successful election.

Speaking after a meeting of his Christian cabinet today, Army Commander Michel Aoun welcomed any international initiative to restore Lebanese sovereignty, independence and liberate its territory.

Abdulla Rassi, Interior Minister of acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss' cabinet, named police Superintendent Assad Taqsh as the acting chief of security.

The official statement, issued after a two-hour meeting of Al Hoss' five-man cabinet, said the body rejected the appointment by Aoun's three-man cabinet of police Brig. Gen. Nadim Lteif to the post of security chief.

Aoun on Tuesday appointed Lteif, a Greek Catholic, chief of Security after dismissing Jamil Nimeh, a Gemayel protégé.

Jiye Sind denies links with massacre

KARACHI, Pakistan, Oct 14, (Reuters) — A Sindhi nationalist organisation today denied official allegations that it was behind the murder of more than 180 people in Hyderabad, southern Pakistan, two weeks ago.

The Hyderabad administration linked the Jiye Sind Students Federation (JSSF) to the massacre in a statement yesterday.

It said the slaughter was masterminded by Qadri Nagai, who it described as a JSSF activist, in collaboration with Jamoo Arain, "a known criminal."

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Situation normal throughout Algeria

Benjedid's reforms survive crucial test

ALGIERS, Oct 14, (Reuters) — President Chadli Benjedid's pledge of greater democracy passed a crucial test today when Muslim mass prayers passed without a feared renewal of violent protests that erupted 10 days ago.

The prayer services had been viewed as the first chance for dissidents to stage protests since Benjedid, 59, lifted a six-day state of siege in the capital on Tuesday.

Algers was calm on the weekly rest day and no incidents were reported after the noon prayers.

Information Minister Bachir Rouissi told reporters the situation was normal throughout Algeria after what he called the "sad and painful events" of the past 10 days, adding the calm

showed that Algerians supported Benjedid's reform programme.

Giving the first official casualty toll, Rouissi said about 180 people were killed in the riots. He condemned a "deadly spiral" of published estimates of up to 500 dead. Hospital sources said about 250 people were killed and hundreds wounded.

He said more than 900 people were arrested but most had been released and he promised a fair trial for accused looters.

Tanks guarding strategic buildings, police trucks on some corners and the charred shells of government offices and shops were the only visible signs of the worst crisis in Benjedid's nine

years in power.

Benjedid defused the riots, which were in protest against economic austerity measures, by promising on Wednesday to allow greater democracy in Algeria's authoritarian system.

He was expected soon to name a new prime minister who will be accountable to the elected National Assembly.

Approval

Rouissi said government ministers would also be made responsible to the legislature under the reforms, on which Algerians will vote in a Nov 3 referendum.

By seeking popular approval for his first reform, Benjedid sought to arm himself with a vote of confidence for an expected

clash with old-style socialist bosses in Algeria's single party, the National Liberation Front (FLN), diplomat said.

Members of the FLN old guard are expected to lose influence — and some their jobs — as a result of Benjedid's reforms, some of which have yet to be announced.

The diplomats said Benjedid evidently hoped for a big popular vote of support to strengthen his position in a December congress of the FLN, which led Algeria to independence from France in 1962 after an eight-year guerrilla war.

His entire package of political changes will be submitted to a second referendum after the FLN congress.

Consul held hostage

VERACRUZ, Mexico, Oct 14, (AP) — An armed man stormed into the US consulate in Veracruz and took the consul hostage, officials said.

The consul, Edwin Cuip, was still being held in his offices late last night, said US embassy duty officer Robert Hugins.

DAY BY DAY

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We thank the government for its timely intervention. But we ask the government to allow the establishment of a second car telephone company to compete with the existing one and provide better services, perhaps at a lower cost.

Even in Britain, the US and Japan the telephone set and other charges are cheaper than in Kuwait.

If the company purchased the sets and stations at high prices, it is not up to the consumer to pay the difference.

Zahed Matar

Soviet reforms under threat, says Sakharov

MOSCOW, Oct 14, (Reuters): Nobel peace laureate Andrei Sakharov has expressed fears in a Soviet press interview that Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms are under threat from "extreme right-wing politicians" in the Soviet Union.

Speaking to a reporter for the Estonian communist youth daily Molodoyzh Estonii, the one-time leading figure among Soviet dissenters also recounted why he joined the nuclear bomb programme and then began to have doubts about his work.

The ground for Gorbachev's "perestroika," Sakharov said, was partly prepared by "those people who argued that ... that country was in very many ways up a blind alley."

Power

"Nowadays, this is quite clear to everyone apart from extreme right-wing politicians who unfortunately still enjoy considerable power in our country," he added in the interview, published in the newspaper's Oct 11 edition.

Sakharov, who was exiled in 1980 under then Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and freed on the personal intervention of Gorbachev in 1986, said he felt there was a certain instability in the Soviet Union despite reform.

"In concrete terms, so far little has altered. That means that the old apparatus which for decades held power in preventing change and not giving up its power. Even worse, it is trying to launch a counter-attack," he added.

The 67-year-old academician, stripped of all his state awards under Brezhnev, did not name any of the political figures he had in mind in the interview, which covered an entire page of the newspaper.

At a news conference in the US embassy in Moscow last month, he said he tied his hopes for the future to Gorbachev but regarded Yegor Ligachev, then clearly Kremlin number two, as "a very dangerous, reactionary force."

Ligachev has since been switched from control of ideology to head a new commission on agriculture.

Petty fight sparks off riots

DHAKA, Bangladesh, Oct 14, (AP): A petty fight between two college students sparked off a riot in which at least 50 people were injured in an eastern Bangladesh town, police said today.

More than 2,000 people, including the parents of the students, fought for more than two hours yesterday, forcing police to fire warning shots and use tear gas on the rioters in Brahmanbaria, 80 kilometres (50 miles) east of Dhaka, police reported.

The two students, police said, first fought in a classroom at Sadar Government College over a dispute involving the seating arrangement. They later reported the incident to their parents, who mobilised their supporters and started the fight.

Police intervened and used batons to separate the warring groups but when that failed, tear gas was used and warning shots were fired, police said.

Police were guarding today three residential districts of the town where the riots had flared up.

US presidential election debate

Bush gains edge over Dukakis

LOS ANGELES, Oct 14, (Agencies): Republican George Bush has gained the edge over Democrat Michael Dukakis in their second and last debate in the US presidential campaign, dealing another blow to the Massachusetts governor's trailing candidacy.

In a 90-minute televised encounter last night, Dukakis failed to deliver the strong performance political experts said he needed to gain ground on the Vice-President for the Nov. 8 election.

"I am very happy about the way it came out," Bush said afterwards. "I am very happy about the way things went."

"Tomorrow (Friday) we start the home stretch, the home stretch of this campaign. I want you to know I intend to work hard, run hard and to fight hard on the issues and I intend to win the great state of California," he said.

Predicted

The two candidates planned today to campaign in different parts of California, whose 47 electoral votes are the biggest prize in the presidential sweepstakes.

Dukakis, standing in a Beverly Hills hotel yesterday in front of a

sign that read, "a clean sweep," said: "This race is very, very close and it's going to get closer after tonight."

But the governor, predicted to come out swinging, did the unexpected. He was gentlemanly, restrained and interjected no jolting jabs. He tried to erase his image as a passionless "technocrat" and come across like the friendly guy next door.

Snap polls afterwards indicated the 54-year-old Dukakis's strategy failed. Even the Democratic "spin doctors" — partisans whose job it is to put a favourable interpretation on events for their candidate — seemed at a loss to explain what happened.

"Michael Dukakis showed a great deal of warmth," was all Democratic Senator Alan Cranston of California could muster. "He was smiling a good part of the time."

Target

ABC Television polled 639 registered voters immediately after the debate and found Bush the winner by 49-33 per cent.

The vice-president was right on target and quite persuasive," President Reagan, one of an estimated 100 million people who watched the encounter of

television, said from the White House. "It's become increasingly clear that the American people should elect George Bush in November."

Bush, 64, went into the debate with a lead of about five percentage points in opinion polls and a wide lead in projected electoral votes, the state-by-state count that actually determines the winner.

The most recent projections gave Bush a solid hold on 220 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win with another 180 leaning his way. Fewer than 100 lined up for Dukakis in the same poll.

Under the US system, the winner of the popular vote in a state takes all of that state's electoral votes.

The Dan Quayle factor, which Dukakis has used with some success against Bush, did not play in this debate. Quayle, Bush's vice-presidential running mate, was scolded by his Democratic counterpart Lloyd Bentsen last week for comparing his experience in Congress to that of the late John Kennedy.

Bush said he was proud to have the Indiana senator on his ticket in spite of Democratic charges that the 41-year-old Quayle does not have the

experience, competence or intelligence to be a heartbeat away from the presidency.

Opinion polls say that public doubts about Quayle's qualifications have cost Bush about two or three points.

Dukakis, who saw his support rise following the Quayle-Bentsen debate last week, said Bush's choice of Quayle reflected a serious flaw in his decision-making ability. But no follow-up questions were asked and the issue faded quickly.

Last night's debate broke no new ground. Both men expounded their positions in a basic repetition of their first debate on Sept 25 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Bush favours the death penalty, Dukakis is against. Bush wants restrictions on abortion, Dukakis says it should be a woman's decision. Bush favours new nuclear arms, Dukakis wants to beef up conventional forces. Bush vows not to raise taxes, Dukakis says that is a hollow promise.

Rushing to claim victory, Bush campaign chief James A. Baker III said the Vice President firmed his own support and "closed the sale" with undecided voters.

Palestinians to take up arms if Shamir wins

ABU DHABI, Oct 14, (Agencies): A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader was quoted today as saying Palestinians will take up arms instead of stones if Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir won the November elections.

Hani Al Hassan, political adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, told Al Itihad newspaper the Palestinian National Council (PNC) would meet at the end of October to declare an independent state.

"We will be able then to know the election results and this will enable the PNC to determine the style of confrontation," he told the Abu Dhabi daily in Cairo.

"If Shamir won, then we will be prepared to deal with him in a bloody way... bullets for bullets and violence for violence."

He said such a confrontation would be limited to political means if the left-wing Labour Party of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres won the election.

"But this confrontation will not be less dangerous than the bloody one, especially with a cunning man like Peres," he said.

Israeli troops destroyed the homes of five Palestinians accused of killing an Arab village headman and raided 30 West Bank villages today as a general strike paralysed the occupied territories.

Arab hospital officials said soldiers shot dead Omar Al Assu, 21, in a clash at the village of Kafr Malek, near Ramallah, and a Palestinian shot last Saturday, Ahmed Yacoub Mustafa Al Arja of Qibya village, died of his wounds.

The Army confirmed troops wounded a Kafr Malek resident when they were attacked by stone-throwers but a spokesman could not confirm his death.

Deaths Some 306 Palestinians have died in a 10-month-old uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The latest deaths came on a strike day called by underground leaders of the uprising to commemorate a 1957 Israeli attack on Qibya, then under Jordanian rule, in which 69 people died.

Egyptian novelist wins ...

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for he is far better in his creative significance than many of the others who won."

Iraqi critic Abdul-Jabbar Al Basri said he saw the award as recognition — albeit belated — of Arab literature.

The award was especially warmly welcomed in Egypt and Mahfouz said President Hosni Mubarak had personally telephoned his congratulations.

The widespread appeal of the award for the Arab world was summed up today by the Moroccan Al Alam daily: "There is not an Arab schoolboy who has not read him, nor a new generation Arab writer who has not been affected by him one way or another."

Samir Sarhan, a playwright who heads the Egyptian government body responsible for the book industry said: "The prize is an honour to every Egyptian and the Arabs ..."

"It crowns Arabic contemporary literature and culture and comes as an international recognition of the highly artistic standard the Egyptian novel has reached at the hands of Mahfouz."

Jiye Sind denies ...

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A JSSF spokesman in the Sind provincial capital Karachi rejected the allegation.

"The persons named in the government handout have no connection with the federation," he told reporters.

"The government is trying to find a scapegoat to cover its inability to protect the lives of the people."

Challenged The spokesman accused the government of seeking to blackmail the JSSF into supporting it in general elections next month and said the allegations would be challenged in the courts.

The Hyderabad administration said two suspects had confessed their involvement in the killing. They had named the others, who were being sought throughout Sind.

Officials in Karachi, the country's largest city, and Hyderabad to the north reported their districts were returning to normal following violence earlier this month.

In Islamabad, the government announced late on Wednesday the enactment of tough new anti-terrorism laws that carry up to 14 years in prison for possession of machine-guns, other heavy weapons and ammunition.

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Belgrade announces changes in austerity measures

BELGRADE, Oct 14, (AP): The Yugoslav government, battling runaway inflation and social unrest, has announced wage hikes and other measures to offset an unpopular austerity programme, Belgrade newspapers reported today.

The announcement came four days before an expected shake-up in the national Communist Party leadership at a meeting of the policy-making central committee.

Austerity measures imposed

last May to curb the \$21-billion foreign debt and inflation, now at 17 per cent, allowed substantial price hikes and hefty wage cuts.

The federal government yesterday announced changes in the austerity programme, including wage increases for workers in profitable companies and hard-pressed social services such as health and education, Belgrade's state-run dailies said.

That said the changes would be adopted by Yugoslavia's

parliament later this month.

In the first nine months of 1988, salaries in Yugoslavia fell by 25 per cent in real terms and have reached the level of the mid-1960s in comparative purchasing power, official estimates say.

Friday's reports did not specify the exact increase in salaries, which currently average the equivalent of \$100 a month.

Adoption of the unpopular

May austerity programme was a precondition set by the International Monetary Fund and other Western creditors for rescheduling payments on Yugoslavia's foreign debt and obtaining new credits.

Belgrade newspapers said, without giving details, that the International Monetary Fund had approved the government's proposed amendments.

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Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (left) talks with villagers displaced by massive floods in Punjab. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ban on Rushdie's book to stay

NEW DELHI, Oct 14, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said today there was no chance of lifting the ban on best-selling author Salman Rushdie's latest novel, *Untouchable*, United News of India said.

The Bombay-born author's *Satanic Verses*, shortlisted for Britain's respected Booker literary prize, was banned last week after Muslim leaders and opposition politicians complained it was offensive to Islam.

Rushdie, who lives in London, protested against the ban in an open letter to Rajiv published widely in the Indian press.

The Prime Minister told reporters he would not respond to the letter and would not lift the ban, the news agency said. He added he had not read the book.

Iran says it can't accept Iraqi Kurds

NICOSIA, Oct 14, (Reuters): Iran said today it could not accept more Iraqi Kurds and that an unchecked flow of Kurdish refugees into the country could result in tragedy.

Thousands of Iraqi Kurds, who fled to Turkey from a Baghdad military offensive against Kurdish dissidents have since poured across the border into Iran.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said the deputy prime minister for political affairs left Tehran today for Ankara to discuss the status of Iraqi Kurdish refugees.

IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, said Ali Reza Moayeri would tell Turkish authorities that "Iran is unable to accept more Iraqi Kurdish refugees."

Moayeri told the news agency "Iran has already accepted a large number of Iraqi Kurdish refugees who have fled their home towns in northern Iraq due to Iraqi bombardments."

Moayeri praised Turkey's acceptance of the fleeing Kurds and said the refugee problem could be solved through co-operation between Ankara and Tehran.

Iran says more than 32,000 refugees have entered the country since the mid-July Iraqi offensive started.

Rajiv visits Punjab despite Sikh threat

CHANDIGARH, Oct 14, (Agencies): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who is on a Sikh separatist hit list, inspected flood damage in the troubled north Indian state of Punjab on Thursday surrounded by armed commandos and police.

Rajiv visited Bhatinda district and Ferozepur, near the Pakistani border with Punjab, India's only Sikh-majority state.

Punjab is Rajiv's biggest political headache because of an unabated separatist campaign. More than 2,000 people have been killed there so far this year compared with nearly 1,230 in 1987.

Punjab authorities took extraordinary security measures for the prime minister's visit, declaring many roads in the state capital Chandigarh out of bounds for local residents.

Cars were searched in most parts of the city, where Rajiv spent the night.

Floods have destroyed crops

worth three billion rupees (\$215 million) in the prosperous farming state.

Villagers urged Rajiv to waive repayment of their government loans, and at Sarhni village, where nearly 2,000 people are affected by floods, he heard victims' complaints that no relief has reached them.

The government says at least 750 people died when flood waters inundated parts of the states of Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu-Kashmir beginning on Sept 21. News reports, however have put the death toll at more than 1,000.

More than 150 people still were reported missing, and rescue workers have been unable to reach more than 900 villages.

"The floods have caused quite a lot of damage... we need to fully assess the loss to property and crops," Rajiv told journalists accompanying him.

He will also visit Himachal Pradesh and Jammu-Kashmir.

Sinhalese radicals bomb railway station

COLOMBO, Oct 14, (AP): Anti-government radicals bombed a railway station in central Sri Lanka early today as the government extended a curfew in the region. Police said no one was injured in the attack.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Kaduganawa railway station, about 85 kilometres northeast of Colombo. But police blamed the extremist Sinhalese People's Liberation Front, which opposes the government's peace overtures to Tamil rebels fighting for an independent homeland in the northeastern province.

A senior police official said Sinhalese extremists arrived at the station at midnight Thursday, chased out all employees and then set off the bomb.

The blast destroyed part of the station and damaged some rail

tracks, according to the official. The attack came as the government extended a curfew in Kandy district and southern Matara district until Saturday, state-run radio reported.

The curfew was imposed in Matara on Monday after anti-government demonstrators clashed with security forces. At least 15 people were killed.

On Tuesday, it was extended to the Kandy region after police opened fire to quell a student demonstration. One student was killed and three others were injured.

The People's Liberation Front opposes a peace accord aimed at ending a 5-year-old war by Tamil rebels for a separate nation in the northeastern province. More than 8,500 people have died in the fighting.

Indian leftists clash

NEW DELHI, Oct 14, (AP): Members of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party clashed with communists in the northeastern Tripura state, leaving at least 13 people dead,

United News of India reported. Quoting police sources, UNI said several houses were set on fire during the clash in Belonia district. The area is 1,400 kilometres east of New Delhi.

Tripura was under the rule of the communists before the Congress Party won state assembly elections earlier this year. Since then there have been occasional clashes.

Deng speaks of Beijing-Moscow normalisation

Sino-Soviet summit next year

BEIJING, Oct 14, (AP): Senior leader Deng Xiaoping said Thursday that a summit ending China's nearly 30-year estrangement from the Soviet Union could be held in 1989, Finland's foreign minister reported.

The minister, Kalevi Sorsa, said Deng made the comment in a meeting with visiting Finnish President Mauno Koivisto.

In a statement to the Associated Press and in comments at a news conference in the northern Chinese city of Xian, where he flew from Beijing, Sorsa revised his earlier report that Deng said a summit would be held in 1989.

He said Deng told the Finnish delegation that if the upcoming visit to Moscow by Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen goes well, "there might be a summit next year."

Despite the qualification, Deng's statement was the first time a Chinese leader speculated publicly on the date for a summit. It was the most positive in a series of increasingly optimistic remarks by Chinese officials on

chances for normalisation of relations between the two communist giants.

China and the Soviet Union were close allies in the 1950s but split in the early 1960s over ideological and strategic differences.

China announced last month that Qian would visit Moscow this year for talks that could clear the way for normalised relations. The exact date has not been set for what will be the first working visit of a Chinese foreign minister to Moscow in 32 years.

Anger

The last Chinese-Soviet summit was in 1959, when Nikita Khrushchev visited Mao Tse-tung in Beijing. Among other things, Mao was angered by the Soviet assumption that it should dictate policy to China as a "big brother" in revolution.

The official Chinese news agency, Xinhua, said in its report on the Deng-Koivisto meeting that Deng stipulated relations with Moscow could not return to the alliance of the 1950s, with

Moscow in a dominant position.

Xinhua did not mention Deng's comments on a possible summit.

China long has said there are three obstacles to normal relations with the Soviet Union: The Soviet troop presence in Afghanistan, the heavy Soviet troop concentration in Mongolia on China's border, and Soviet-allied Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea.

The Soviets pulled some troops out of Mongolia in 1987 and began to withdraw from Afghanistan this year. An official in the Finnish delegation said Deng reiterated in his meeting with Koivisto that Kampuchea is now the main obstacle.

Venue

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Deng did not comment on the status of Chinese-Soviet talks on Kampuchea.

Finnish officials said Deng did not discuss where a summit would be held. Beijing is considered the likely venue because

Deng 84, no longer travels abroad. He was retired from most of his party and government posts but still retains final authority in setting policy behind the scenes.

Earlier this month, Igor A. Rogachev, the Soviet deputy foreign minister in charge of contacts with China, told a Moscow news conference that he thought a summit was likely in the first half of 1989, as Chinese reports had indicated.

China and the Soviet Union split over ideological differences in 1960s, and have remained at political odds despite improving economic, academic and cultural relations in recent years.

Gorbachev has urged China to bury past differences. But China has cited three factors as obstacles to normalising Sino-Soviet ties.

The two sides met to discuss the Kampuchea question in Beijing last August, and Qian is expected to take up the issue again in Moscow in an attempt to narrow differences on how to bring peace to Kampuchea.

Top Soviet man named envoy to Afghanistan

KABUL, Oct 14, (AP): The Soviet Union has named First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov as its new ambassador to Kabul, an Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The appointment of such a high-level official appeared to be designed to emphasise the importance the Soviet Union will continue to place on events in Afghanistan despite the withdrawal of its troops. Western diplomats said.

"It puts a guy with a great deal of clout here to show how much they support the place," one of the diplomats said.

In Moscow, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov explained the top-level assignment by saying: "Afghanistan is still a bleeding wound, as Mikhail Gorbachev said, and we need a highly skilled expert in healing there."

Vorontsov will leave in a few days for Kabul, Gerasimov said.

The Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, who cannot be identified under standing rules, also denied claims made in neighbouring Pakistan that the Muslim guerrillas battling Afghan troops had shot down five Afghan air force planes and helicopters last week.

Farewell

Vorontsov will replace Nikolai Igorychev, whose abrupt farewell reception took place at midday Thursday, barely 24 hours after the invitations were received at other diplomatic missions in Kabul. Such invitations are usually sent out about two weeks in advance.

Igorychev, who is a member of the Soviet Communist Party's central committee, returned to Moscow last month during the Kremlin shakeup, but he turned around and came back to Kabul almost immediately.

The appointment of a new Soviet ambassador comes at a time when both Moscow and the Soviet-style government in Kabul have been stepping up diplomatic pressure to end the fighting between Afghan government forces and the Muslim guerrillas supported by Pakistan and the United States.

Geographic Society changing world map

WASHINGTON, Oct 14, (AP): The National Geographic Society finally changed its view of the world yesterday. Society officials unveiled a new world map, drawn by a projection method that differs radically from the one it has used since 1922, and said they would distribute 10.5 million copies with the December issue of the *National Geographic* magazine.

"After more than a half-century of using the Van Der Grinten projection, the National Geographic Society is adopting the Robinson projection, which we believe more clearly portrays the world as it really is," said John Garver Jr., chief cartographer for the society.

Both Robinson and Van Der Grinten are known as compromise projections, according to the American Congress on surveying and mapping. "You can't have what you want. You would like to have all the right sizes and all the right shapes," said Arthur Robinson, developer of the new map.

Balance

But because any flat map distorts some parts of the earth, map-makers have to try and find a balance between the relative size and shape of continents, their relationships with one another and the oceans separating them.

Garver said that Robinson's projection has less distortion in the size of land masses located far from the Equator, making countries such as Canada and the Soviet Union appear closer to their real size. In addition, by reducing the size distortion of land areas the Robinson map shows more of the earth's surface as water. That also is a more accurate portrayal. Since 71 per cent of the planet's surface is water.

On Van Der Grinten maps Greenland appears to be 554 per cent larger than it really is, while it is only distorted by 60 per cent on the Robinson projection.

Ten hurt and four arrested

US centre in Seoul attacked

SEOUL, Oct 14, (AP): Students shouting "Drive out the Yanks" gutted a police bus and car today in a firebomb attack on a US government office in the southern city of Kwangju, news reports said.

At least 10 people, mostly policemen, were injured and four protesters were arrested, according to Yonhap, the South Korean news agency.

About 100 students attacked the US Information Agency building in downtown Kwangju, which was guarded by a busload of riot police, Yonhap said.

Students hurled firebombs and rocks at the police bus and into the US cultural centre, while four students climbed up to the centre's roof and shouted anti-US and anti-government slogans, the news agency said.

The police bus and a car stationed in the compound were burned, Yonhap said. Several windows in the cultural centre were broken and its roof tiles

slightly damaged, it said.

In leaflets and slogans, the students denounced the United States and demanded the arrest of former South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan, Yonhap said.

Yesterday, hundreds of students staged scattered protests in downtown Kwangju when police blocked them from approaching the US cultural centre after they firebombed a local office of the ruling Democratic Justice Party.

Probe

The US cultural centre in Kwangju has been the target of frequent attacks by radical students who demand the withdrawal of US forces stationed in South Korea under a mutual defence pact. Radicals contend the United States has enforced the division of the Korean peninsula since the end of the Korean war.

In recent weeks, dissidents and radical students have stepped up

an anti-US campaign and called for the punishment of former President Chun and his family for alleged corruption and brutality.

Chun has been under parliamentary investigation since he left office in February at the end of a seven-year term.

Also today, about 300 students battled riot police after burning effigies of US President Ronald Reagan and South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in eastern Seoul.

The students in Seoul called for the removal of US influence from the Korean peninsula and pelted riot police with scores of firebombs and rocks. Police responded with barrages of tear gas.

Several students were seen bleeding during the clashes by the gate of the school, but it was not known immediately how many people were injured or arrested.



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Committee fights for Arab rights

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has successfully pressured Trans Technology Corp., into stopping tear gas shipments to Israel, according to ADC's Development Director for Middle East Relations, Khalid Suffuri.

ADC linked use of the firm's product to a large number of deaths in the occupied lands, he said.

Suffuri left Kuwait yesterday after a three-week visit. In meetings with officials here, he explained the committee's role in fighting discrimination and defilement of Arabs.

Campaigns
ADC is a service organisation committed to defending the rights of Arab-Americans. It has more than 20,000 members in 60 chapters, Suffuri said.

The organisation was founded in 1980 by former US Sen. James G. Abourezk to stop stereotyping, defilement and discrimination against Arab-Americans.

ADC is now fighting human rights violations in the occupied territories through its office in occupied Jerusalem, he said.

In late July, ADC launched ad campaigns in subways in Washington DC to inform the American public about human rights violations in the occupied lands.

In March 1986 ADC organised protests by Arab-Americans against the release of NBC's film, "Under Siege," and "The Delta Force." Both films stereotyped Arabs, he said.

Publications

In 1982, ADC issued many publications about Arab culture and heritage, such as "Wrapping the Grape Leaves," and "Arab Contributions to Civilisation."

In the same year ADC helped an Arab-American sue the American company Hughes Aircraft during the Iran hostage crisis. The employee filed a complaint based on the right to equal employment opportunities.

From May until June 1985, ADC sponsored a tour by Mubarak Awad, the founder of the Palestinian Centre for the Study of Non-Violence. During the tour, Awad spoke about ways to protest Israel's occupation.

Suffuri said the ADC sponsored delegations to get eyewitness accounts about situations inside the occupied territories. The delegations were successful in presenting facts to the world, he said.



Khalid Suffuri

The programme is continuing with the sponsorship of a special delegation of black American leaders.

Suffuri added that ADC supports all other fights for human rights around the world.

Education Ministry issues regulations

DR YACOOB AL SHARRAH, the assistant undersecretary for private education at the Ministry of Education, has said that his department issued a series of regulations to organise the registration of pupils and the transportation services of private schools and to improve the financial relations between school owners and the parents of pupils.

Uniform

He added that higher tuition fees at private schools at the beginning of this year, which were imposed to meet increased spending, are part of the regulations. Fees rose by 5 per cent to 10 per cent at Arab schools and by 7 per cent to 15 per cent at foreign schools.

He said that the regulations also set the prices for the

uniforms sold at the schools, but that parents are not obliged to buy the uniform.

He pointed out that children registering for the first class of the primary stage should be more than five years and four months of age if they have spent at least one year at a kindergarten. They should be more than five years and seven months of age if they have not. Children are not allowed to transfer to government schools during the primary stage, he said.

Dr Sharrarah pointed out that the ministry supports private schools by transferring headmasters from government schools. He added that these headmasters handle administrative and technical work and supervise financial matters.

Tree-planting campaign begins Sunday in Ahmadi

KUWAIT, Oct 14, (KUNA): A tree-planting campaign in Ahmadi Governorate will begin Sunday with the governor, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem, planting a seedling. Hundreds of students and local officials will follow suit.

The campaign, which continues through Thursday, is in response to HH the Amir's recent call for greening the country, head of the campaign's organising committee, Jassem Al Shatti, told KUNA in an interview today.

Government agencies, co-operative societies and schools are taking part in the campaign, officially called Tree Week.

The event is designed to educate youngsters and the public on how to make and keep the governorate green, Al Shatti said, quoting directives from the governor.

As an incentive, school children will have their names tagged

to the shrubs they plant. The governorate will reward those who make the best efforts by offering to take care of their home gardens, Al Shatti said.

The greening campaign will also include the southern border area of Wafra where trees will be planted in school yards, he added.

The organising committee will supervise the newly greened areas in co-operation with local co-operative societies, he said.

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Spanish Ambassador Juan Jose Arbol and his wife receive the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Majed Al Shaheen, (right) at a reception on Wednesday at the Kuwait Hilton to mark Spain's National Day.

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Kuwait products displayed at fair

CAIRO, Oct 14, (KUNA): Kuwait is participating in the Islamic Trade Fair.

The director of external affairs at the Kuwaiti Ministry of Trade and Industry, Nasir Saif Al Ruwais, told KUNA that Kuwait's exhibition is in a separate pavilion with 18 companies from both the public and private sectors participating.

Al Ruwais said food products, textiles, household items, electrical fittings and others are on display in the Kuwaiti pavilion.

This is the first time Kuwait has participated in the trade fair. Kuwait will take part in all trade fairs to be organised by the Organisation of Islamic Conference, he said.

Al Ruwais said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has expressed his admiration for the Kuwaiti products when he visited the pavilion.

Al Ruwais said Kuwait will participate in the upcoming Cairo International Fair, scheduled for March.

Zakat House to adopt orphans

CAIRO, Oct 14, (KUNA): Kuwait's Zakat House yesterday decided to adopt orphans of 30 Egyptian families killed in a tragic traffic accident last week.

The director of the house's office in Cairo, Muhammad Al Jalal, told KUNA that he met with the governor of Kafr Al Sheikh, where the accident took place, to discuss procedures to implement the decision.

The governor, Nabil Halaweh hailed the decision and described it as a humane act that is in line with Islamic teachings. The Kuwaiti official said the governor pledged to provide the house with all studies regarding the families killed when a passenger bus collided with a trailer on the road between Mahala Al Kubra and Kafr Al Sheikh.

Saudi satellite communications system grows

RIYADH, Oct 14, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia has become the world's fifth largest user of satellite telecommunications.

Umm Assaleem, the new telecommunications city, is now fully operational, according to a senior official at the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone.

Mohammad Noor Abu Mansour told the Saudi Press Agency that with the addition of a second earth station at Riyadh and four of them at Umm Assaleem, more than 6,000 circuits are now available by satellite.

The kingdom has also developed land-based international telecommunications, including coaxial cable and microwave systems with direct links to Gulf states and other countries in the Middle East.

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Before Umm Assaleem, Saudi Arabia had three standard earth stations, two in Riyadh and one in Taif.

Umm Assaleem is now the largest satellite telecommunications city in the Middle East with four earth stations, two to communicate with "Intelsat," one with "Arabsat" and one with "Inmarsat."

The city was inaugurated by the Saudi monarch in July 1987.

Floating city proposal praised

A WORK team set up by the consultative research and studies staff of the Amiri Diwan has praised a proposal submitted by the director-general of the Public Housing Authority, Dr Ibrahim Al Shaheen, to build a floating city opposite Kuwait Bay.

The team has submitted a report calling upon the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science to study the project.

The proposal was criticised, however, for not giving a clear picture of the city's social and economic benefits and for its lack of required technical staff. The report suggested the organisation of an international seminar to study the issue.

The team pointed out that the marine city would be built on the same engineering principle as steel flyovers and would not require special equipment.

The buildings would not hinder the movement of sea currents and would attract marine creatures to breed and live near the city.

The report added that the project would not cost any more than a conventional city, and that such costs could be met by the state.

The team suggested inviting internationally well-known architects and specialists to organise a seminar and to put forward plans and final designs for the project.

Coca-Cola lovers get the real thing

COCA-COLA is in Kuwait.

Coca-Cola, the world's number one-selling soft drink, has had a spectacular impact on the Kuwaiti beverage sector since its introduction on Oct 8.

Consumer demand for the product has been so high that some outlets have run out of stock within hours.

Wael Al Nusif, general manager of Refreshment Trading Co., Coca-Cola's distributor in Kuwait, commented: "We anticipated that people would be

thirsty for Coke, but demand is so heavy that we're having to increase our shipments from the supplier."

Coca-Cola has entered the Kuwaiti market in the same manner as in Oman, UAE and Bahrain, with a larger "better value" 330 millilitre can. The standard can size in Kuwait is 250 millilitre.

Coke's introduction of the new larger can size is likely to start a trend throughout the Gulf.

Grocery shop closing decision effective April 1

KUWAIT Municipality has pointed out that the decision by the Council of Ministers to close grocery shops in private housing areas will take effect on April 1, 1989, and not at the beginning of next month as stated in some local newspapers.

The decision will not apply to shops in the non-organised areas or those which do not have co-operative societies, the municipality said.

Sources at the municipality said that the relevant authorities are setting up a programme to open new branches of co-operatives in different areas to fill the gap that will be created by the closure of the grocery shops.

The Ministries of Social Affairs and Public Works will be involved in this programme, they added.

Saudis to cut expatriate work force

SAUDI Arabia is planning to reduce its expatriate work force by 600,000 by the end of next year.

The fourth five-year plan envisages that Saudi manpower will constitute 51.2 per cent of the local workforce in Saudi Arabia by next year.

Consequently, the expatriate workforce will drop from 2,660,000 recorded in 1984 to 2,060,000 in 1989, according to a recent study.

The plan indicates that the Saudi workforce will increase from 1,880,000 to 2,160,000. Therefore, the Saudi workforce will outnumber expatriate workers for the first time.

During the fourth development plan, total manpower in Saudi Arabia will drop by 225,000.

The study underscored that most Saudi university graduates may not be able to find jobs. About 10,000 students graduate from Saudi universities every year.

The study also said that during the five-year plan, about half a million Saudis will apply for jobs.

The study called upon the private sector to give priority to the "Saudisation" of the workforce.

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SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: a look at modern educational methods which recommend that children should learn to read before they start school.
7.00 Steel Riders: Sandra and Mike try to come to grips with life in a new city but their efforts are hampered when police launches a hunt for their father.
7.30 Challenge: A report on a mountain expedition in South America.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: A stranger arrives in the town and helps the medical team financially. But when his turn comes to receive help, albeit of a different

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

kind, he recoils.
9.30 Hooperman
10.00 She is the Sheriff: The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.
10.30 Best-Seller: "Queenie". Based on a book by Michael Korda, it tells of an Anglo-Indian girl who overcomes prejudice to become a well-known actress in the West. Starring Kurt Douglas and Sarah Miles.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/

Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Star: cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Children of the Street". A look at life in Venezuela — through the experiences of Alberto and Omar, two newspaper delivery boys.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news
7.30 Out of This World: "Fitties Mom." Donna tries a personality change but soon regrets the idea.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: The police investigates the death of a priest who comes from a Mafia family. Starring Don Johnson.
9.30 In Search Of: Loch Ness and the legendary creature allegedly seen in the lake.
10.00 You Can't Take It With You
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: A policeman is killed by a shot from his fiancée's pistol but another man is accused of the murder. Starring William Conrad and E. Penny.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial

6.30 Professor Pooangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "A New World"
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: Kate falls for an eccentric stranger against her friend's advice and is consequently surprised when she learns the truth.

9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson.

10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: tonight's episode examines the flying saucers.

10.30 Edge of Darkness: police thriller. Detective Brian is not too happy to learn about his daughter's links with an underground anti-nuclear group.

11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck.
7.00 Pals: "Lost". Oscar helps an injured woman but misses an appointment with his son.
7.30 Growing Pains.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to play an old trade.
9.30 The Secret World: Sharks — reality and legends.
10.00 What's Happening Now: A dental clinic becomes a venue of a romantic encounter which comes under threat when the dentist proceeds to do his job.
10.30 L.A. Law.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoon serial
6.30 Sesame Street: educational show for young viewers.
7.30 Mac and Muttley: present mini-horses; search for lost dogs.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: All roads lead to the Highwayman when it comes to saving the innocent.
9.30 The Cosby Show. Starring: Bill Cosby.
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools: a 30-minute show

NIGHT CHEMIST

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Al Ameen Pharmacy
Jaber Al Mubarak St.
Gharbata - Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St.

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Sa'ada Pharmacy
Othman St, Nagra

Salimiya and Rumailhiya
Al Razan Pharmacy
Razi St.

Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Adel Pharmacy
Al Awadi Bldg, Fahsheel

Jeeb Al Shiyaikh
Al Jarraza Pharmacy
Main Street

Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
opp. Jahra Co-op.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Mines of Kilimanjaro

Al Sahniya
Hell Camp

Drive-In
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid,
Sabireen, Hisham Salim,
Salah Qabil

Al Hamra
Arbab Sawar (Arabic)
Starring: Samir Ghanim,
Dalal Abdul Aziz

Al Firdous
Aaj Ke Angarey (Hindi)

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KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran — Programme review
9.10 Sabah Al Khair (Good Morning)
9.15 Cartoon serial — Dab-doub — part 6
10.00 Local serial — Darb Al Zalaq — part 11 starring: Abdul Husain Abdul Ridha, Saad Al Faraj, Khaled Al Nifisi, Abdulaziz Al Mufidi.
11.00 Arabic serial — Al Zankalouni/Al Mutasham
12.15 Al Sufrat Al Khaliya (shrimp dish), host: Afnan Al Zayani
4.00 Holy Quran and programme review
4.45 Cartoon serial — Raad

about the mishaps and misadventures of sportsmen and sportswomen.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Night Partners." Two women volunteer to join the police force to fight crime.

11.30 News in Brief

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoon serial
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Walt Disney Hour
7.00 Star Trek: Troy takes her son on a space trip. He plays with a radioactive device and triggers a near-disaster.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: highlights of English League football matches.
9.50 Jack Thompson: Down Under
10.30 Diamonds
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

Al Emlaq — part 13
5.15 Alfanan Al Saghir — host: Mohammad Al Sheikh. Directed by Saleh Al Ojairi
5.45 A cultural programme
6.00 Daily serial — La Illaha Illa Allah
7.20 Religious programme — Nur Al Islam — host: Ahmad Abdul Qader. Directed by: Mohammed Thiyab
7.55 Local programme — Al Amn Wal Muwatan
9.45 Daily Arabic serial Al Raya Al Biyda — Part 9
10.30 Local programme — Daerat Al Ahdath — on the national

afforestation plan in Kuwait

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.30 Sam's Luck: The boys' attempt to sell some of their things runs afoul
7.00 Survival: nature. A look at insects
7.30 Life with Lucy: comedy. Curtis acts as Mr Fix-it but ends up in a sticky situation
8.00 News in English
8.40 Our House

9.30 War in Korea: documentary. A look at the Korean war from its beginning and the US role in the conflict

10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Sworn to Silence." A lawyer who defends a murderer faces a dilemma and his fellow-citizen's wrath

11.30 News in Brief

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Song festival

JAGMOHAN KAUR, known as nightingale of Punjab, thrilled the audience with her popular Punjabi folk and devotional songs at the first ever Punjabi song festival held at Kuwait's Andalus Cinema on Thursday. It was also her first performance in Kuwait.

Mehar Mittal described as the Charlie Chaplin of Indian Punjabi films, gave a superb performance well appreciated by the audience. The three-hour programme, featured on Thursday and yesterday was compered by K. Deep, an equally popular Punjabi singer who has to his credit many Punjabi musical shows staged in London, the UAE and other countries. An advocate by profession, Deep is popularly known as Posti in Indian film, stage and television circles.

The festival was organised by Sardar Nirender Singh Sethi in co-operation with his Punjabi friends.

Left: Deep and Jagmohan Kaur perform at the Andalus Cinema (photo by Zafar Iqbal)

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre. 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4 - 6 pm. Tel: 5318060, 5318061.

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Bailay Purer Rupkatha", a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

KLT
OCT 31-NOV 3: KLT's comedy, Two and Two Make Six, directed by Steve Prescott. Gala show with dinner at 8 pm on Oct 31. Subsequent shows at 8.15 pm on Nov 1/2/3. Tickets

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert; at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 6384873.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC. Funitees. 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. choreography by Nacsh and Qariba; break-dance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details phone 2413348.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Flasik/Kapiku
OCT 22: SAS Hotel. The Tent. 6 pm: Kapiku and Flasik will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna — 6534200; Florence — 2439451; Jojo — 9039593.

Colva Nite
OCT 27: 8.30 pm. MBH: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm)

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel. The Tent. 9.30 pm: The airline staff's first get-together: lavish buffet, music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto, Jazz Quartet. Contest, prizes and

surprise. For details ring John — 2434313/24, Tony 2415439.

Sounds Great
OCT 19-22: Seats can now be reserved for the Sounds Great Pop-Rock Musical to be performed at the Salmiya Cinema. Reservations by ringing 5740256/7; 5756888/5758060 ext. 263. Tickets also available from the box office nightly from 5-9 pm.

Rock the Night
SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer — 5740256/7.

Bob Marley night
STEVE MICHAEL and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica at the SAS Tent on Nov 4, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae.

CINEMA

British Council
OCT 16: 6.30 pm. British Council. Mansouriya: This month's feature film. Dream-child, the compelling story of Alice Hargreaves who relives her past, moving between a hallucinogenic "Wonderland Oxford" in the 1860s and New York of the 1930s. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Caledonians
OCT 19: 7.30 pm: The AGM will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel; business meeting only. Saint Andrews night will be on Nov 24 at Messilah Beach Hotel. For further details, telephone 5335082, or 3727691 ext. 253.

Gos Cultural Association
DEC 8: Gos Cultural Association (S.U.F.A.), will hold their annual social evening at Kuwait Regency Palace.

Kuwait Players
Opening Ball
OCT 13: Holiday Inn. Ballroom. Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

HOTELS

At the SAS
AL BUSTAN: Friday brunch for families. 11.30 am to 3 pm. Polish duo Danuta and Feliks provide music.

Peacock Room: new Chinese food menu introduced by chef Von Kwee Kiong. It features fried wonton, sauted diced chicken with cashew nuts and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandoul Grill Garden: 7

pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.
Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm, Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

SPORTS

Daniella Tennis
CALLING all members of the Danish community to register for the forthcoming tennis tournament. Competition is open for players with all levels of skill — singles, doubles and mixed doubles will be played. Register between Oct 11 to Oct 18. Tel: Lene — 2544988, 8 am-12 noon.

Tug of War Competition
OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on Oct 21 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Boy's Own Club
OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Scuba Diving
NAUI scuba diving club starting up again. Call Frank: 4830570; 4830474.

Kosa Annual Ball
OCT 25: KOSA's (Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association) Annual Regatta Ball in the Sheraton Hotel. Tickets KD 10. Formal dress. For more details or tickets contact John Waters of Frank Graham on Tel: 5326145 or 2466848.

Kuwait Nomads
OCT 28: 12.00 - 4.00 pm Kuwait Nomads R.F.C. Garden Fete. Admission KD 0.500. Lots of stalls, games and prizes to be won. Fun for all the family.

British Airways Cricket Weekend

BA and Hubara cricketers present two cricket matches involving ex-Test players Farokh Engineer (India) and Don Wilson (England). On Oct 21 an Ahmadi Select XI will play the BA touring side, play starting at 9.30 am. On Oct 23 there will be a BA vs Great Britain match commencing at 10.30 am. Both matches will be played over 45 overs each side on the New Ground Ahmadi. Admission is free, all are welcome.

Laser Club
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.30 am
Zuhr	11.34
Asr	2.51 pm
Maghreb	5.18
Isha	6.35

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ANYTHING that is too stupid to be spoken is sung — Francois Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

OPINION

Urgent summit vital to bring Arab unity

THE next ordinary Arab summit is supposed to be held next month in Saudi Arabia, but it is not clear whether it will be held or not.

When Arab leaders met last year in Amman for the emergency Arab summit, agreement and harmony was the theme of the conference which succeeded in overcoming many obstacles.

With the end of the Iran-Iraq war, it is imperative that Arabs hold another summit to bring about Arab unity. Most, if not all, Arab leaders agree that this war or any war involving Arabs had dire consequences which adversely affect all Arabs.

The Iran-Iraq war has left in its wake social, military and economic consequences detrimental to the Arab world.

People in some Arab countries are revolting because of hunger and a lack of basic necessities. On the other hand, some other Arab societies are prosperous and have surplus funds. They are searching for safe, secure markets for investments.

Although Arab markets are full of investment opportunities, they are also full of serious risks and economic mismanagement.

The surplus Arab funds to be invested in Arab projects require summit decisions where economic agreement and harmony prevail.

Investments in Arab countries should be protected and secured exactly like investments in foreign countries which are normally free of political or ideological influences.

The Lebanese crisis must also be addressed at a summit. A grave mistake was made when the Arabs decided to intervene in the affairs of Lebanon. Now we must end Arab intervention and end the Lebanese crisis.

The Arabs should also meet to review the Arab League Charter and decide to bring Egypt back to the Arab fold. We are the ones who kept Egypt away, but later we discovered that it is the "mother of all Arabs."

Even during the Arab boycott against it, Egypt contributed much in many areas. Later, the Arabs found their opinion of Egypt was wrong.

Arabs urgently need the summit meeting to strengthen the achievements made during the Amman summit and to discuss new developments.

The people of the Arab world need to co-operate on equal footing to avoid becoming victims of international alliances who know how to protect and serve only their own interests.

The recent incidents in Algeria should be a lesson for us all. We should study this lesson carefully to avoid similar incidents from happening again in other places, particularly when indications point toward a starvation revolution in Sudan.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Mahathir reeling under dissent

By Leslie Lopez

KUALA LUMPUR. (Reuters) Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, hit by several political setbacks in recent months, is reeling under growing dissent within his own party, political analysts and diplomats say.

Sixteen dissidents from Mahathir's United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) Party have resigned from the 13-party ruling coalition in the last three months and allied themselves with the main opposition party.

And one of the prime minister's closest advisers, the Malaysian Chinese Association Party Ling Liong Sik, has said his party — a senior partner in the coalition since independence in 1957 — will review its role in government.

Ling went on leave earlier this month saying he was unhappy at the government's failure to fulfil election promises to the Chinese community, who form 33 per cent of Malaysia's 16.5 million population.

"Ling feels it is the best time to put the pressure on Mahathir who is being attacked from all sides," said a Western diplomat. "He (Mahathir) is certainly at his weakest position for the past year," said Chandra Muzaffar, a political analyst and leader of the reform group Aliran.

Chandra said the mass resignation by UMNO dissidents was a clear sign of Mahathir's waning support in parliament which reopened on Monday after a three-month break.

The dissidents have declared themselves independent in Malaysia's 177-member parliament, where Mahathir's coalition still commands a majority of 130. Analysts said a few more disgruntled UMNO members could defect in the coming months.

The dissidents, led by former Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, who lost narrowly to Mahathir for the UMNO presidency in April 1987, said they were gaining support in their campaign to remove him as UMNO leader and prime minister.

Mahathir barred the rivals from joining a new UMNO he formed last March, a month after the old party was declared illegal by a court following complaints of irregularities in party elections.

The rivals call themselves the "Group of 46", pledging to revive the old party formed in 1946 by Malay nationalists seeking independence from Britain.

They drew first blood by backing former Welfare Minister Shahrir Abdul Samad who defeated Mahathir's candidate in a key by-election last August.

Shahrir, also a member of the group of 46, had retested the seat he vacated in protest against Mahathir's policies.

Buoyed at the by-election victory, the group forged an alliance with Malaysia's main opposition Democratic Action Party to provide an alternative government in the next general election, due in 1991.

"The opposition against him is picking up. It's open and not confined to a certain segment of the people... they are all aware and want a change," former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam told Reuters.

Musa, who resigned in March 1986 after falling out with the prime minister, said Mahathir had stirred growing dissent with his increasingly autocratic style in recent months.

In the last year, Mahathir has detained more than 100 government critics without trial, clamped down on the media, and had three top judges sacked for misbehaviour.

His backers say the opposition will be rejected by the people because they cannot provide an alternative system.

US has achieved peace through strength

Dukakis fumbles on national security issues

By Boert Zeinick

WASHINGTON—Perhaps the most devastating critique of Jimmy Carter's approach to national security issues was delivered some years ago by a former Carter speech writer, James Fallows.

In preparation for a Naval Academy address on United States-Soviet relations, Fallows wrote, the President received a "hard line" draft from national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and a "soft line" draft from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Unable or unwilling to choose between them, Carter, in effect, scissored them in half, stapled the two versions together, and delivered both.

That Gov. Michael Dukakis is doing much the same thing with his campaign approach to national security questions was made obvious by his recent remarks about the Strategic Defence Initiative to the American Legion. Previously he had opposed the system as "a fantasy." Now he claimed he would support "star wars" research at about \$1 billion per year — roughly one-fourth of current levels.

Regarding deployment, Governor Dukakis said, "If I made a judgment and Congress made a judgment that it was essential to our national security, then obviously we would proceed."

The Dukakis "compromise" position is one that a mature strategic thinker conversant with the subject would never have advanced. At \$1 billion a year we couldn't orbit a Tinkertoy, let alone a vastly complex system designed to stop Soviet missiles in their boost phase. And without testing such a system, a step Dukakis opposes as violative of the Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty, there would be nothing that could be deployed with confidence.

And what is it that Dukakis would deploy in any event? A kinetic system which an overwhelming scientific consensus believes could easily be defeated by Soviet weapons? A laser system whose feasibility is years if not decades away from being proved?

At Georgetown University some days later Dukakis — rather than articulating coherent national security views — simply appeared to endorse every major weapons system he had not, in previous statements, specifically opposed.

One suspects two reasons for the Dukakis difficulty. The first is simply his own lack of experience in the area. Reason 2 is what is widely heralded as the invincible Reagan-Bush record on such matters. After all, it is argued, superpower relations have never been better, the United States has achieved peace through strength, and a host of regional conflicts — Afghanistan, the Gulf, Angola, Kampuchea — seem headed for resolution.

But the Reagan-Bush record is a good deal less imposing than first appearances suggest and, in any event, a public review of several questions is long past due.

Taking nothing away from the combination of commitment, patience, strength, and restraint which has helped produce the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, the Afghanistan pullout, and a number of other successes, there would appear to be at least four areas where administration performance has been less impressive:

● Arms control. We forget that the principal importance of the INF Treaty is symbolic and that without a follow-on START agreement it is militarily inconsequential. START is deadlocked by the President's commitment to SDI and US insistence that nuclear-armed cruise missiles remain uncovered because they are "impossible" to verify, while mobile missiles are banned altogether for precisely the same reason. Moreover, the administration has lost precious political support for its deep-cuts approach, because many fear it has not moved to design a nuclear force structure that is both survivable and compatible with the proposed limits.

● The Pentagon budget. The spending binge of the early Reagan-Bush period has left the Pentagon with a host of programmes that cannot be properly maintained and supported, as well as systems coming

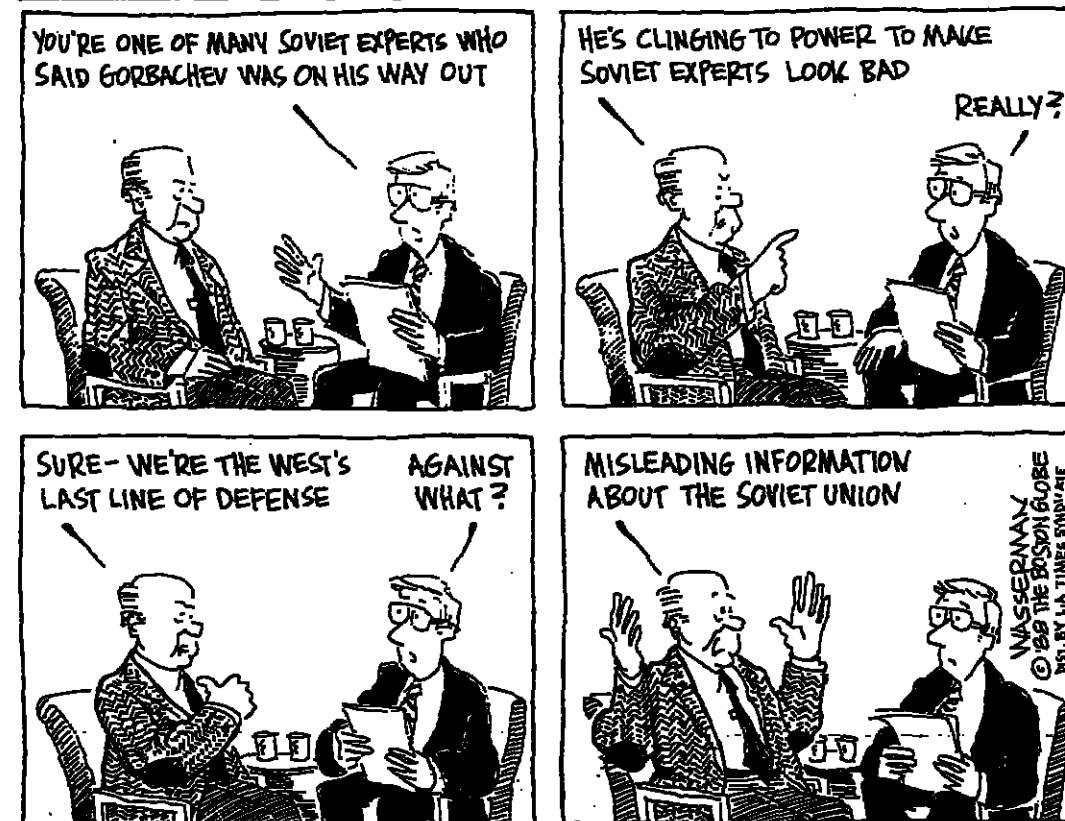
on stream which cannot move from research and development to production, given current budgetary restraints. Already weapons purchases are being stretched out beyond efficient buying rates and systems running to tens of billions of dollars, such as the Stealth bomber, are approaching production even before their predecessors, like the B-1, are fully deployed. Suggest the need for hard choices and Vice-President George Bush will talk about a "flexible freeze" ... voodoo defence management at its worst.

● Central America. This is an area where the Reagan-Bush policies have cost billions of dollars, distorted the political processes of our own country, and produced horrendous results on the ground. With the leader of China — the world's largest communist power — now benevolently endorsing the Bush candidacy and the leader of the second-largest — the Soviet Union — transforming both the internal and external policies of his own nation, one wonders why American dealings with the tiny and feeble Marxist states to the south must still be predicted on the jaundiced view of a world-wide communist monolith.

● The Middle East. Secretary of State George Shultz's well-intentioned but tepid approach to this region wasted the opportunity provided by the Arafat-Husseini accord and the Israeli prime minister's recent visit to the White House. One senses historic opportunities for peace at hand and listens in vain for the sort of formulations that could serve as the basis for enlightened American policies in the post-election period.

By mentioning four particular areas, one should not by implication exclude others. A new era is dawning for Japan. The circumstances that shaped the Atlantic alliance have changed in fundamental ways. There may well be ways to dismantle the Soviet empire in Eastern Europe without posing an unacceptable threat to Soviet security. On these questions, too, the Reagan record is neither so formidable nor its positions so clear as to pre-empt political opposition, if indeed there were more credible political opposition in this area.

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Soviet reforms

By Paul Quinn-Judge

MOSCOW: On the surface, Mikhail Gorbachev's trip to Siberia highlights a potentially menacing problem.

Complaints from workers underscored that the gap between the expectations and real attainments of reform is growing to serious proportions.

But at the same time the Soviet leader's visit seems to have been carefully structured with two aims. First, to draw attention to the dramatic problems of Siberia. And second, to lay out the agenda for the coming political season.

During impromptu chats, small meetings, and even heated gripe sessions with Siberians, Gorbachev emphasized with new urgency the failure of the system to provide a decent standard of living and an acceptable level of economic growth.

Reform

The first night's television coverage on the main news programme, "Vremya," emphasized the negative — Krasnoyarsk's problems with pollution, housing, and bad planning. And instead of visiting one of the area's most advanced industrial plants, Gorbachev chose to visit a Krasnoyarsk factory distinguished only by its age and the gravity of its problem.

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Expectations high, attainments low

During the Soviet leader's six-week vacation, the reform effort lost momentum — a reflection both of Gorbachev's skills as a communicator and the degree to which reforms depend almost exclusively on him. He is now once again driving home the message that reform is just beginning. He told workers several times that so far "we have only been working out what happened to this country."

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US economic blockade causes inconvenience to Cuba

By Jay Berman

WASHINGTON: The Soviet "evil empire" is no more, President Ronald Reagan has told us. Mikhail Gorbachev is now "a close friend," and US-Soviet relations are at their best in recent memory.

The other huge communist power, the People's Republic of China, is no longer a major concern of even the most fervent conservatives, and Americans travel there by the thousands.

Wouldn't 1988, then, be a good year to do something about repairing relations with Cuba? For nearly three decades, the United States has pursued an economic embargo of that Caribbean nation and by suspending diplomatic relations has implied it isn't really there.

But Cuba is there, a 750-mile-long island less than 100 miles from the Florida coast. It's hardly an insignificant dot, and it could be a valuable trading partner with the US.

An entire generation of Cubans has grown up believing that the US government is the personification of imperialism, just as a generation of Americans has bought the line that Cuba is to be ignored, at best vilified, at worst.

It is not ignored, however, by Britain, Japan, France, Italy, West Germany, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, and other US allies that maintain normal relations with Cuba.

More than 100,000 Canadians flock to Cuba's beaches every winter, not for communist indoctrination, but because the price is right, the climate ideal, and the people friendly. They are joined by Spaniards, West Germans, Italians — more than 200,000 foreign tourists in 1987.

The economic blockade has not been the success Reagan has claimed it to be. Certainly, it has inconvenienced the Cubans and caused shortages. It is one reason Habaneros still drive pre-revolutionary cars.

The Cuban economy, still strongly supported by the USSR, is not thriving. Neither is it the stagnant failure Reagan claims it to be. Visitors to Havana find the city's old neighbourhoods undergoing major restoration. Roads throughout the island are in good repair, telephones work, and you can drink the water. People are well dressed, there is no begging, medical care has been confirmed by independent agencies to be the best in Latin America.

Certainly, there are those who would like to leave. They do not seem to include the thousands who walk along La Rampa in downtown Havana, licking ice cream cones to ease the humidity and looking to see what films (a great many of them from the US) are playing.

The pre-revolution automobiles are joined by a growing number of Polish-built, Polish-made cars, by the Soviet-made Lada, itself a Fiat offspring; and by Toyota trucks and vans. It is simply not a nation in decay.

Cuban tourism officials seem puzzled, not angered, by their

relations with Washington. Liana Blain, director of international tourism with the state-run Cubatur, admits that "the US would be a prime target for us. But the political situation ... of your government would not allow it, and I don't see that changing with Reagan. We would be pleased to welcome Americans tomorrow if it were possible."

The Cuban government, from Fidel Castro on down, has hinted in recent years it would be agreeable to a thaw in relations. Castro has released political prisoners, met with Roman Catholic officials from the US, and has affirmed that religion has a place in Cuba.

Compete

A Cuban national baseball team competed in the Pan American Games in Indianapolis last year, and a US team was in Havana later in the summer. The Tropicana dancers — from Havana's famous nightclub of that name — were in Los Angeles in June of this year as part of a tour of the US and Canada. Not surprisingly, the Immigration and Naturalization Service cut short their visit, saying they had stayed too long. Still, it appears as though in sports and the arts an improvement of relations is possible.

Reagan has met with Gorbachev in Washington and in Moscow. He has been to China. He has never even talked of a meeting with Castro. Indeed, a State Department official recently said in a telephone interview that "we have been looking at improved enforcement of the ... embargo in light of the fact that there are some holes ..."

Washington bureaucrats have become fond of the folksy line "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." It's an excuse for maintaining the status quo.

Using the same vernacular, one might wonder, "If it ain't worked for 30 years, ain't it time to try something new?"

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Young Nicaraguans dominate immigrant students in US

By Marshall Ingwersen

MIAMI: War in Nicaragua means new faces in Miami classrooms.

As teachers look at their new foreign students, they are seeing a disproportionate number of Nicaraguan boys whose mothers feared they would be conscripted into the Sandinista military.

Young Nicaraguans now dominate a growing tide of immigrant students into the embrace of Miami schools. More than 3,000 Nicaraguan children officially recognized as refugees arrived last year. The pace appears to have quickened, if anything, over the summer.

As they begin the new year, American schools are reflecting politics and economics the world over. In Los Angeles, for instance, school officials see ethnic unrest in the Soviet Union, coupled with relaxed Soviet emigration policies, mirrored in thousands of new Armenian families. War in the Gulf has meant new Iranians in Los Angeles, as well.

Ironically, the one political factor that has little impact seems to be United States immigration policy.

In Santa Ana, Calif., the schools were surprised to see the

side of new Mexican students unabated after the amnesty deadline for illegal aliens passed last spring. Other Southwestern school districts are seeing, after a brief decline, a full resurgence of new Mexican arrivals.

Miami schools know how to welcome the young Nicaraguan students. Their teachers are mostly former refugees themselves — from Cuba.

Edgar Amador, the shy fifth-grade son of a former Nicaraguan Contra, answers quietly, with worried eyes, when asked about his old school.

Did he believe the political doctrine he was taught at school in Managua, Nicaragua, his teacher asks him outside of class.

"No," he says. Then, "Yes." What did they teach him?

"That they would kill me," he says in a barely audible Spanish, tears rolling down his cheeks.

Tears roll down his teacher's cheeks as well, as she pulls him over for a reassuring hug. The principal here at Sweetwater Elementary, Maria Rodriguez, shakes her head. "It's the same old story," she says. "It's just like Cuba."

Of 27 students in Edgar's class this year, 20 are boys. Similar proportions hold among Nicaraguan children at other Miami-area schools. Many of

the boys as young as 11 say they came to Miami — some illegally via Guatemala, Mexico, and Texas — because their mothers feared they would be mustered into military service.

Tanya Rubio, an eighth-grader at Citrus Grove Middle School, arrived two years ago from Nicaragua with her family. She and her brother were tapped to enter a Sandinista youth programme that would allow them home only on weekends. The family opted for Miami instead.

Schools like Sweetwater and Citrus Grove are the workhorses in the steady pull toward Americanization. Even Miami's Little Havana, where Spanish is universal and English heard only sporadically, that pull is powerful.

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the students who enter Dade County public schools unable to speak English will be entirely in mainstream English-language classes within three years, officials in the country's bilingual education office say. The youngest new students, those entering kindergarten and first grade, are likely to be comfortable in mainstream classes within a year and a half, these educators add.

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By Jonathan Margolis

SOS call from a dolphin!

On the French Riviera, four fishermen relate the sad tale of a dolphin who cried for help to save his injured mate. The story is fascinating experts who are obsessed by man's nearest rival in intelligence.



The male dolphin (top) circles his dying mate after leading the fishing boat (left) to the spot.

TO the four fishermen drifting off Antibes on the French Riviera, the sight of a friendly dolphin surfacing beside their boat was nothing unusual.

Had they caught any tuna in the warm Mediterranean that morning, they might have ignored the cowering creature and headed back to port for lunch.

But this time they watched him.

And what they witnessed in the next few minutes not only touched them profoundly ... but is also fascinating the dolphin experts, who are obsessed by man's nearest rival in intelligence.

The fishermen tossed the dolphin a fish, but he did not seem hungry. Instead, he nudged the boat's prow, swam a little further then returned, pushing at the vessel as though trying to turn it in a particular direction.

To the men, it looked like a dance — but somehow it lacked the joy so typical of dolphins.

Then Vincent Galazzo, the 66-year-old skipper, realised what was happening. The dolphin wanted them to follow him.

Galazzo has been fishing for years from his home port of Nice. And like most men brought up in a sea-faring tradition, he had heard plenty of tales of dolphins helping men.

But never one about a dolphin coming to men for help.

"He was healthy but obviously distressed," says Vincent, "and was trying to attract our attention to something." We started the engine and followed him for several hundred metres.

He knew exactly where he was taking us. Ahead of us was a badly injured female dolphin barely floating in the water. Her dorsal fin had been almost torn off and there was blood on the water.

Upsetting

The male raced on to her. He was using his own body to keep her from sinking. He pushed her towards us, crying out all the time.

She had probably been hit by a speedboat. The wound was very deep ... and as we looked closer we realised that, sadly, she was already dead.

But the male wouldn't seem

to accept it and was obviously hoping we could save her. It was impossible, though — even if she had been alive, we couldn't have done a thing.

"It was so upsetting. You could hear him crying and see the blood on the water. And you knew the sharks would come for her."

If that scene had appeared in a Walt Disney film with a soundtrack of schmaltzy music, it would be regarded as a mawkish example of anthropomorphism — that utterly wrong-headed tendency to attribute human characteristics to animals. Particularly teddy-bears and dolphins.

No one has any cause to doubt Galazzo's account. He and his men simply say the incident left them in tears.

The question is: What did it all mean? Did a wild creature really ask humans to help an injured fellow?

Dr Peter Evans is a population genetics at the University of Oxford — not a man who

jumps to conclusions — and he is quietly impressed by the Frenchmen's account.

"Yes, the dolphin could have been seeking help," he declares. "These creatures have tried to involve humans in helping them out in distress."

"But actually going to get a human to help them when a colleague is in trouble is much more advanced behaviour. It's extremely unusual, if not unique, for such an event to be reported."

Rebecca Levy, part of a team investigating dolphins at the University of California in Santa Cruz, is adamant that dolphins experience emotions and that sensitive humans can hardly avoid picking them up.

"It's very possible that these fishermen were being asked for help."

But Dr Louis Herman, of the University of Hawaii — which has done the world's most advanced work on communication with dolphins — was more sceptical.

"I'm concerned that they might be over-interpreting what they saw," he warns. "Here in the Pacific fishermen regularly report seeing hump-back whales mating — yet none of our team has ever seen this."

Dr Herman's caution was almost welcome. After all, it must be a problem for serious academics when people over-romanticise their encounters with dolphins.

"Not at all," he replied sharply. "Romanticism about dolphins is entirely justified. These are very impressive animals. It's just that the idea of them seeking help in the way the French fishermen describe is a little foreign." Yet after 22 years of studying dolphins in Honolulu, Dr Herman's own ideas about their abilities are just as astonishing as reports of the Antibes incident.

"We've taught them a 50-word vocabulary," he says. "But the number of words is not important. What matters is that they can understand sentences ... unique, new sentences. We can say 'Go get the surfboard to your right and bring it to the person.' and they do it."

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This achievement is not the limit of dolphins' abilities — yet it is equal to us carrying out rudimentary communication with a Thing from Mars.

It is believed today that dolphins feel grief and love. They play routinely — an extremely advanced behaviour — and display humour, usually by splashing people, which many psychologists regard as the highest form of human intelligence. Some researchers believe their language may be a system of transmitting emotions across the oceans.

Their signals of grief, love, excitement or danger can carry up to 500 miles, coded in a system of music.

The position scientists are taking now is not that dolphins are "almost as intelligent" as humans — but that in many ways they are better.

Yet the altruism of the sad creature off the French coast has an extraordinary purity about it. It sounds a joke — but what could the male dolphin gain by saving his mate? Surely, he would find an alternative?

Dr Evans of Oxford still thinks it is wrong to compare dolphins with humans. "It's a form of racism. If you put an animal on a pedestal — and they surely deserve it — why does it have to be next to us?"

Most amazingly, dolphins are now known to have what sociologists call a culture — a body of experience and advice passed on from generation to generation. It is one of the reasons they have succeeded and thrived, like man, in a highly hostile environment.

Explaining

But the crowded waters of the Cote d'Azur were too hostile for one female bottle-nosed dolphin. Now she is dead and her grieving mate is somewhere still thinking of her.

Helpless that day, the fishermen tried with awkward gestures to explain to the male that her mate was dead. Yet he clearly knew already.

"There was simply nothing we could do," says Galazzo. "Eventually, we started up the motor again and left."

"I've been going to sea for many years ... and this was the strangest and saddest thing I've ever seen."

By Nadine Gautier

ON December 3, 1983, French newspaper headlines proclaimed "Coup de Coeur pour les Beurs" (Surge of affection for Second Generation Arab Immigrants). Thanks to the media, the march for equality and against racism turned into a march for second generation Arab immigrants whose slogan was: "France is like a moped. It runs on (two-stroke) mixture."

With the arrival of a new word in the French language, "beur," meaning second generation Arab immigrant, derived from young people's familiar slang which consists in saying words backwards so that the word "arabe" become pronounced "beur." France was also discovering a part of its population which was rarely spoken of outside the columns of general news stories in the press. Now, the word "beur" had been taken up by the media.

Most young Maghrebians, whose parents had immigrated to France, had their own territory on the outskirts of towns in the concrete jungles of the suburbs.

Until now, little use had been made of this setting in French cinema, except in a few detective films or a few documentaries showing miserable social conditions. "Beur" film-makers have tamed this hostile environment and have dreamt about it. For Medhi Charef, it is a world close-by, not very far from the outside.

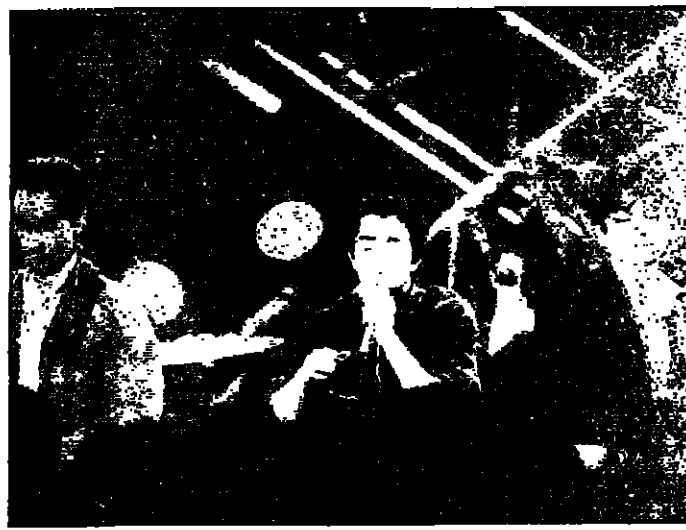
Humour seems to be the priority of this kind of cinema, as if this dull world had to be exercised. The delicate, conflicting relationship maintained towards the country of origin is present in all the films of these young people who were born in France where they are not yet totally integrated, are real strangers for their country of origin where they have never lived.

This difficult relationship is formed around the figure of the father who represents the link, the chord which the young would like to cut with the country of their roots.

In these films, a central character emerges, the big brother or big sister around whom the story revolves. He is often the only one of the chil-

Different strokes in French culture

Over the last few years, second-generation immigrant Arabs or 'beur' as they are known in the media, are making their impact on French culture.



Carte de Séjour, a French rock group of Algerian origin who draw upon their roots and mix rock with ethnic music.

dren to have been born in the country of origin and to have kept his nationality, and he thus finds himself left behind when it comes to assuming the contradictions of integration in France. Although women are also present, they rarely have an active role in the story and their part is limited to that of being the mother, the sister or the prostitute.

The same theme can be found in the novels written by second generation immigrants. Maurice Kherroubi, Nacer Kettane and Leila Sebbar wanted to rediscover a memory, a culture and a past which had been put aside, and their flamboyant, nomadic nature imbues their pages.

The same is true of "Radio Beur," the main national spokesman for the "beur" movement and a leader in the fight for dignity and equality among men. By letting this new generation speak, the aim is to offer it a different way of communicating, and to encourage the emergence of new talents by strengthening solidarity and

the feeling of identity.

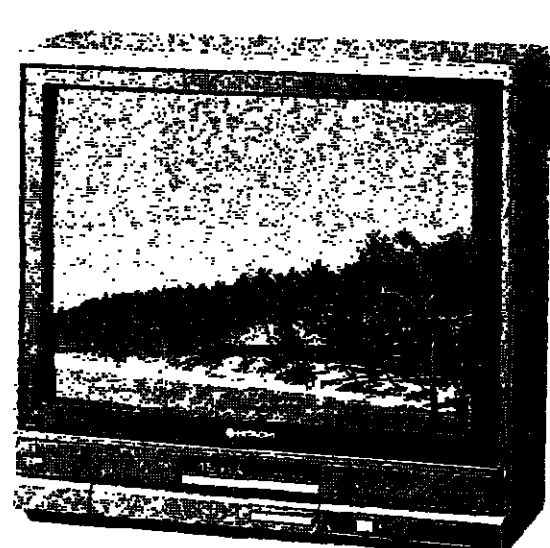
Over the last few years, second generation Arab immigrants have been publicly acknowledged. Some of them have become famous. These include many musicians who combine music of various origins. There is "Carte de Séjour" who draw upon their roots and mix rock with gnaoua and chaabi music. Cheb Kader, a young Algerian born in France who is the star of "rai," that eastern kind of rock which young Algerians and young second generation Arab immigrants identify with, and Karim Kacel, a real official representative of the second generation, who feels closer to Edith Piaf than to Oum Kalthoum.

Fashion designers such as Azzedine Alaïa and Jean-Marc Sinan, and models such as Farida have also contributed something Oriental through fashion. Thanks to them, France is discovering a languorous and voluptuousness whose success is borne out by the Paris "hamams" or Turkish baths.

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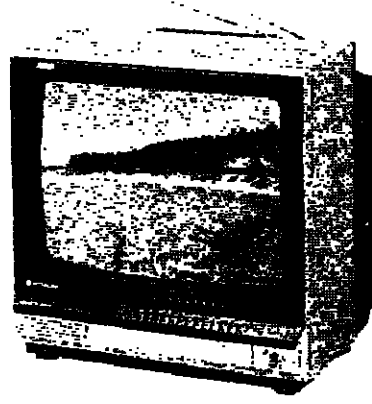
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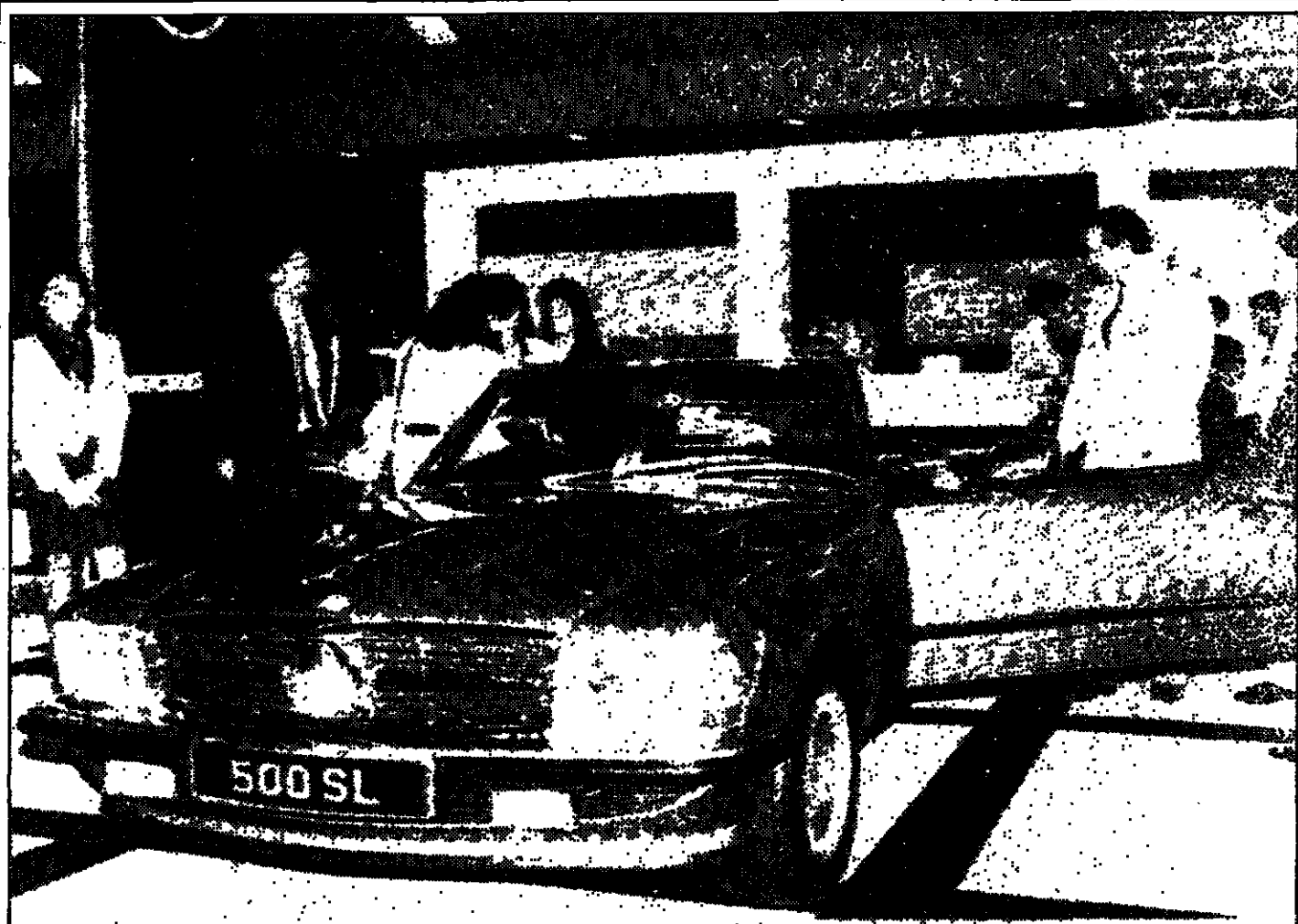
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Singaporeans eye a Mercedes 500 SL at a motor show in Singapore. At US \$175,000 it costs as much as an apartment in the island state but there are plenty of takers.

Singapore drivers undeterred by curbs

By Reginald Chua

SINGAPORE, (Reuters): Singapore's government is doing all it can to prevent its citizens from buying cars in an effort to keep traffic flowing in the tiny city-state.

But lengthy driving tests, heavy taxes, tough laws and some of the highest car prices in the world have had little success — sales of new cars are soaring.

Singaporeans enjoy a standard of living exceeded in Asia only by Japan, and the prestige and convenience of owning a car overrides all considerations.

"It's all face," explained one car enthusiast. "It's a statement you can make about yourself."

In a survey in 1981, the Automobile Association of Great Britain ranked Singapore as the second most expensive country for motorists, after Kenya.

Since then, road and regis-

Sales of new cars are soaring in spite of government efforts to control chaotic traffic.

tration taxes have risen significantly and dealers estimate car prices have gone up by more than 80 per cent.

The association no longer produces such surveys.

"I would say we've overtaken Kenya now," one car dealer said. "But people are used to high costs. It shows how much they want cars."

Popular Japanese saloons cost between 45,000 to 65,000 Singapore dollars (\$22,000 to \$32,000) while a BMW 535i costs up to 250 dollars (\$125,000) more than a three-bedroom apartment.

New drivers have to pass a three-stage driving test. Only a quarter of the candidates succeed.

As a further disincentive,

vehicles entering Singapore's central business area during peak hours must carry four passengers or pay a surcharge of up to 10 dollars a day.

Older cars must be inspected annually.

Yet car dealers report full order books and waiting lists for some models.

Status

About 10,500 new cars were sold in the first six months of 1988, up 118 per cent over the same period last year, bringing the number of vehicles on Singapore's roads to almost half a million, roughly one for every five Singaporeans.

Besides status, drivers also cite convenience as a reason for buying a car. While public trans-

portation is efficient and inexpensive, they said it did not meet many recreational needs. Many motorists escape the urban city-state at weekends by driving to neighbouring Malaysia.

Rising affluence and low interest rates of 3.75 to four per cent have eased the burden somewhat. Rising trade-in values for second-hand cars also helps. Two-year-old cars can fetch their original price or even more, industry watchers said.

"At the moment it's still affordable," one new car owner said.

Many motorists expect taxes to be raised yet again if the number of cars continues to grow.

They don't believe that will fundamentally change car sales, however.

"It will be dampened for about six months," one driver said. "Then people will get used to it all over again."

Self-doubt and depression haunt Spanish heart-throb

Julio Iglesias: when will he be taken seriously?

By Robert Hall

SEX appeal and Julio Iglesias has come to mean virtually the same thing. He is rarely pictured without a female decoration on his night-time arm. He readily admits to being nothing without his girls and he makes sure he never leaves home without one.

But behind the public smiles and gorgeous escorts Julio, now 45, has been hiding a secret agony. He has just revealed he was driven to near suicide because America still does not take his talents seriously.

For the man who seemed to have everything it was a startling revelation. Yet multi-millionaire Julio says he was in the depths of despair when he held a gun to his head after years of being the target of cruel jokes.

And he was only prevented from pulling the trigger when his 17-year-old daughter Chaveli walked into the room.

To his thousands of fans the disclosure couldn't have come as a bigger shock. He still looks fit — he was once a goalkeeper for top Spanish soccer side Real Madrid — and his records continue to sell well — even in America. But after three years there, and despite his musical success, he is still the butt of jokes.

He says: "Top talk show hosts, such as Johnny Carson and David Letterman, decided I wasn't to be taken seriously. All the time they make 'Julio Who' jokes. To my dismay, the American public began making fun of my Spanish accent."

Eventually the self-doubt and depression became so bad, Julio took a gun from his desk drawer and held it to his head.

Then Chaveli walked in and brought him to his senses. Julio recalls: "We sat by the pool and talked for hours. She told me how much she enjoyed her time with me. That snapped the spell. I realised how ridiculous I had been for even contemplating ending it all."

Now it seems, times are a-changing for romeo Julio. He

even claims his days as a superstud are over and that the only woman in his life now is 19-year-old Dayse Nunez, the current Miss Brazil.

He confesses: "I want another family now — a wife who loves me and children I can have special moments with."

But although Julio has had thousands of loves there have been very few women who have held his attention for long. His loving ways hit record levels when his seven-year marriage to Filipino socialite Isabel Preisler, who gave him his daughter Chaveli and sons Julio Jose and Enrique, 16 and 15, ended in 1978.

"I had a lot of flings after that," he says. The couple had a brief reunion last year but she refused his proposal of remarriage. Since then he has been playing the field again.

Lifestyle

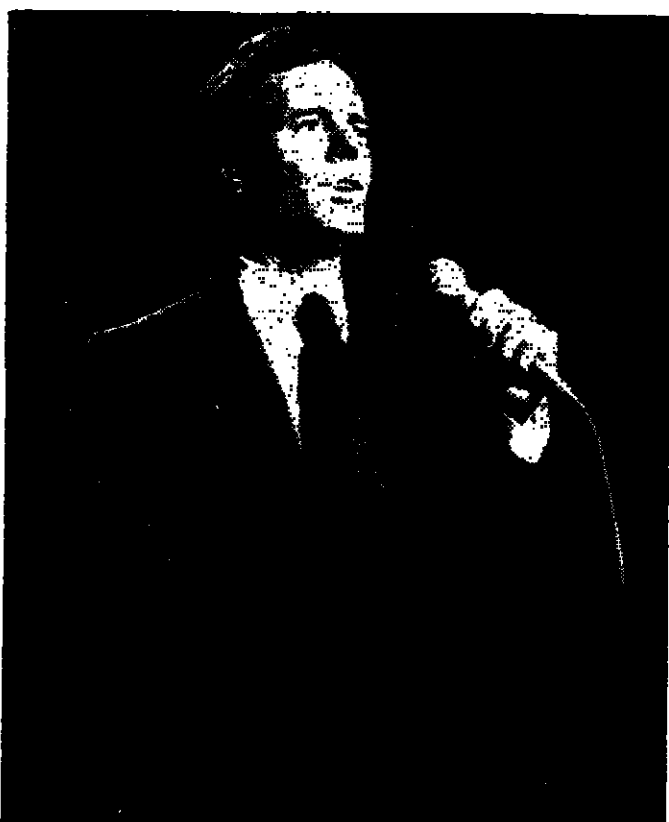
His lifestyle is fitting for a man worth millions. He owns a private island (Indian Creek, off Miami), mansions in Tahiti and Hollywood and castles in Spain. His fleet of cars includes several Rolls Royces. Among his friends are Joan Collins and champion golfer Seve Ballesteros. When he flies, it is by private jet. A luxury indeed — even Mick Jagger journeys by Jumbo.

At the last count, Julio had sold more than 10 million records worldwide, had 965 gold and 350 platinum albums — and that was before his blockbuster album — 1110 Bel Air Place was released.

But Julio, singer extraordinaire, nearly didn't become a singer at all. The son of a Madrid physician, he grew up with no particular interest in music — and a burning desire to play football.

Then a car accident in the sixties which almost killed him, effectively put an end to his soccer career. It was during the two years he spent recovering from the accident that he began to tinker about playing tunes on a guitar.

"I never dreamed I could enter the music profession — music was just a hobby," he



Julio Iglesias: target of cruel jokes

says. "I didn't think much of the few songs I managed to compose in hospital."

"But after the accident, I used to play my guitar in pubs, and some friends said: 'Why don't you give your songs to an artist to record?' That was the start. I went to give my songs to

a record company in Spain, and the man there said: 'Okay, go into the studio and play your songs yourself.'"

Legend

And so a legend was born. But it hasn't been easy for Julio. Learning to be one of the world's most lusted after men



Iglesias and British goalkeeper Gary Bailey. He was once a goalkeeper for the Spanish soccer side Real Madrid.

and in-demand singers has required hard work.

He adds: "I am working all the time — even when I'm not working. The ideas are going around in my mind, or I am doing work-related things. For instance, recently I've really concentrated on learning to speak and sing English."

"I'm not quite fluent yet — some of the humour I find hard to understand but I am much better than I was. It was very difficult, let me tell you! And that is what I've been doing when I've not actually been in the studio working on songs — which is usually 15 hours a day."

Hard working is one thing, but Julio obviously has some time to play as well. And when he is having fun, you can guarantee a beautiful woman won't be far away. Yet he claims he is nothing like the Valentino of the Eighties that his reputation says he is.

He explains: "You must not believe everything you read about me. I do not have a different lover every night. I'm a working man, and work very hard indeed. I don't have time to do all those things that some newspapers say I do."

"When people talk about me, all they ever talk about is girls, girls, girls. Don't get me wrong, I like girls — I LOVE girls — but I'm also a serious artist, and a very successful

artist, and I'd like a bit of acknowledgement for that too. But all I get is, 'He's involved with that girl.' Sometimes, there's a picture in a newspaper of a girl I'm standing next to at a party — just standing next to — and the story is we're having an affair."

"Or I'm supposed to be secretly married to someone whose phone number I don't even know. Of course, I'm happy that people are talking about me. But these stories are exaggerated, they're unfair, and most of the time they are not even true."

Julio has his own thoughts on how he got his romeo image. He says: "People look at you and the way you appear to them physically takes priority in their mind. It shouldn't be so, but it is. For instance, people see a beautiful girl, and they automatically think she is not clever. Maybe the first impression I give is that I'm that sort of person, I don't know."

Not that Julio thinks of himself as particularly handsome. "Look at me!" he exclaims. "Physically I'm just average. I am less than average."

"I'm just like everybody else. I have a mirror in my bedroom, and when I look into it, all I see is a collection of flaws. I think it's more the way people respond to my songs that accounts for my success."

Bobby McFerrin shoots up to No. 1 in UK

UB40 tops US charts

NEW YORK. (AP) UB40 took their Red Red Wine into the number one spot among best-selling single pop records in the United States. The disc jumped from third place a week ago.

Def Leppard's Love Bites slipped from the top of the Cash Box magazine chart to second position, and Cheap Trick's Don't Be Cruel leaped from sixth to third.

Last week's number two hit, Bobby McFerrin's Don't Worry Be Happy, topped to seventh.

Searing into the top 10 list, and the week's only newcomer, was Don't You Know What the Night Can Do? by Steve Winwood, up from 14th to 8th.

As for the country-and-western singles, Tanya Tucker's Strong Enough to Bend took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart. Kathy Mattea's Untold Stories was second, and Ronnie Milsap's Button Off My Shirt was third.

US Top Ten

The Top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine with last week's positions in brackets:

- (3) Red Red Wine — UB40 (A-and-M).
- (1) Love Bites — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
- (6) Don't Be Cruel — Cheap Trick (Epic).
- (9) Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
- (5) What's On Your Mind (Pure Energy) — Information Society (Tommy Boy).
- (4) I'll Always Love You — Taylor Dayne (Arista).
- (2) Don't Worry Be Happy — Bobby McFerrin (EMI-Manhattan).
- (14) Don't You Know What the Night Can Do? — Steve Winwood (Virgin).
- (10) I Hate Myself For Loving You — Joan Jett and The Blackhearts (Blackheart-CBS).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (4) Strong Enough to Bend — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
- (5) Untold Stories —

Kathy Mattea (Mercury).

3. (5) Button Off My Shirt — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).

4. (6) Darlene — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).

5. (8) Gonna Take a Lot of River — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).

6. (11) Honky Tonk Moon — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).

7. (10) Summer Wind — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).

8. (11) Blue to the Bone — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia).

9. (13) Runaway Train — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

10. (12) Saturday Night Special — Conway Twitty (MCA).

And in London Bobby McFerrin and his Don't Worry Be Happy shot up from eighth spot to top the British pop singles record chart this week.

One Moment in Time by Whitney Houston moved up to second place from fifth, and last week's number one, Desire by U2, slipped into third place.

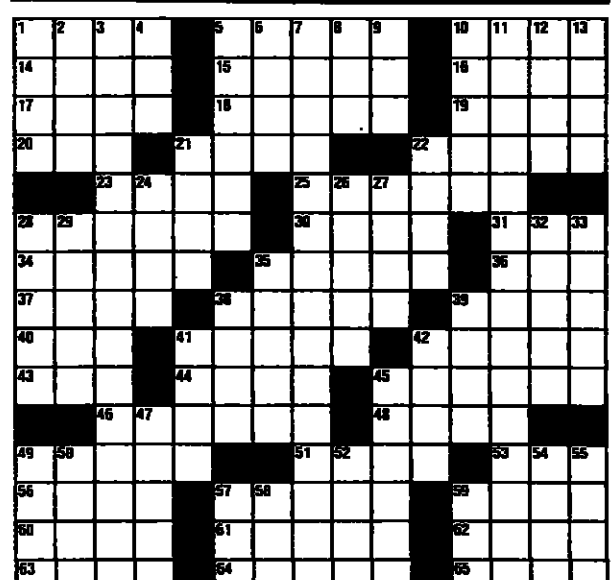
Big Fun by Inner City and Kevin Saunderson and Teardrops by Womack and Womack round out the top five.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (8) Don't Worry Be Happy — Bobby McFerrin (Manhattan).
- (5) One Moment in Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (11) Desire — U2 (Island).
- (4) Big Fun — Inner City-Kevin Saunderson (10 Records).
- (3) Teardrops — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway).
- (2) He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother — Hollies (EMI).
- (6) A Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Virgin).
- (17) Wee Wee — Wee Papa Girl Rappers (Five).
- (14) A Little Respect — Erasure (Mute).
- (9) She Wants to Dance With Me — Rick Astley (RCA).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Take it on the lam
 - City near Atlanta
 - Lively
 - Hand lotion ingredient
 - Type of type
 - Wings, in old Roma
 - Sonic —
 - Graded
 - Giddy
 - Safehold
 - Ed's concern
 - Part of MGM
 - Other — (else)
 - Worry
 - Globe
 - Type of furniture
 - Ohio college town
 - In the van
 - at the office
 - Sam Spade, for short
 - Word with cellar or crop
 - Nick of flicks
 - Squabble
 - Hill dweller
 - "Bottled" spirit
 - Pool worker, for short
 - What?
 - Moslem versed in religion
 - Whalebone
 - Cold weather wear
 - Run —
 - "To — human"
 - 51 Anagram for ales
 - 53 Carter or Lowell
 - 56 Formal wear
 - 57 Clayey deposit
 - 58 Father, to an Arab
- DOWN**
- Latin lesson word
 - Hilo hello
 - Space
 - Time periods
 - Bistros
 - Musical closing
 - 1 An All
 - 2 Swan genus
 - 3 Disregard
 - 4 Pro —
 - 5 Corps member
 - 6 Petri dish substance
 - 7 Spot
 - 8 Inhabitant
 - Suffix
 - 9 Composer
 - 10 Globe
 - 11 Epic tales
 - 12 Engages in a toddler's game
 - 13 Bluster
 - 14 Time period
 - 15 Deck member
 - 16 Angela
 - 17 Lansbury role
 - 18 Fervor
 - 19 " — which will
 - 20 live in infancy: FOR
 - 21 See 12 Down
 - 22 Actress Miles
 - 23 Call up
 - 24 Revolutionary War's Silas
 - 25 Pass judgment
 - 26 Ancient area of Asia Minor
 - 27 A Carter
 - 28 Manche capital
 - 29 Needlefish
 - 30 Likewise
 - 31 Light woods
 - 32 Non-standard contractions
 - 33 Mild oath
 - 34 Caesar's city
 - 35 Arthur of the courts
 - 36 Disposition
 - 37 City in SW Arizona
 - 38 "Le — des Cygnes": Swan Lake
 - 39 Palm leaf
 - 40 Circle segment

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

GAMIN CLASP
POLARIS RAINHAT
READILY ERASURE
ARM SENDFOR NYP
TIED STILL ONEI
ENDOR AXE SCEND
GASTAX XANADU
SHY WAR
PRIORY FAKIRS
PREEN EEL ENOCH
REAR FAGIN AWRY
ALL ALSORAN BAM
AIRNET TIEDOWN
ATTUNES TAMPANS
EYRAIS DOTTY

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH

♠ 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ A Q J 10 6 3
♣ 8 7 5

WEST

♠ 9 7 3
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 6 4 3

EAST

♠ 5
♥ K Q J 10 7 5 2
♦ K 7
♣ Q 9 2

SOUTH

♠ A K Q J 10 8 4
♥ Void
♦ 8 2
♣ A K J 10

The bidding:

East South West North
3♥ 4♥ Pass 6♦
Pass 6♣ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

They have a saying down on Wall Street: "Bulls make money and Bears make money, but Pigs go broke." Had South been playing duplicate bridge, there might have been some justification for his play; at rubber bidge, there was none at all.

Since South was prepared to play at the five level, he cue-bid the enemy suit. North judged that his semi-solid six-card suit merited a jump to slam, and South thought long and

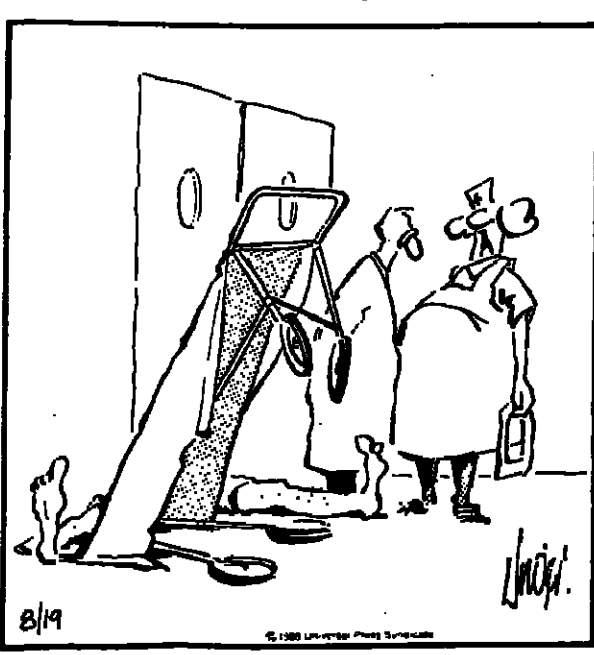
hard about bidding a grand slam, but let prudence carry the day.

West made his normal lead of the ace of hearts, ruffed by declarer. After drawing all the outstanding trumps, declarer took the diamond finesse. East ducked smoothly.

Impressed by the way things were going, declarer returned to his hand with a club to the king and repeated the diamond finesse. East won and exited with a heart, and in the fullness of time declarer had to concede a club trick for good one.

At duplicate, overtricks are vital, and we have sympathy for an argument that claims it is correct to repeat the diamond finesse. However, we have found that anytime you make a slam contract you rate to get a better than average score. That is especially true in this case, because collecting 12 tricks at a spade contract scores more than making 13 in a diamond small slam.

Whether at duplicate or rubber bridge, once the first diamond finesse won we would have taken the club finesse! Even if it loses, there are 12 tricks. When it wins, we would have crossed to the ace of diamonds, intending to repeat the club finesse. As it happens, that would become unnecessary, but we would have saluted East for his effort.



"How many times have I told you about running in the corridors?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Today you will feel better than you have done of late. You should not expect everything to happen on the press of a button. You will have to deal with a somewhat unpleasant person. Try to control your reactions. Be reasonable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should try to avoid being in too great a hurry. Do not expect to get more than you are prepared to give. There will be some interesting developments which will greatly change the situation. Be adaptable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will not find it all that easy to get on well with those around you, but you should make an extra effort. Mercury's more favourable influence will help you to make the right decision.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not try to do more than you have time and energy for: better to do less well than more badly. Do not expect others to agree with everything you say. Make sure you are not late when invited for dinner. Be considerate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

The influences are favourable but you should not do anything that necessitates a great deal of good luck to succeed. Another proposal will not be all that it seems at first. Take good care of your personal hygiene.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will tend to be a little on the nervous side and should make an effort to keep calm. Do not tamper with a mechanical device you know little or nothing about especially if electricity is involved. Do not give away a secret. Be generous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be able to do something very much to your liking. You should consider both sides of an argument, but you should not try to sit on the fence. Make sure that others know what you are talking about. Be more resilient.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to deal with a practical matter without great delay. However do remember that there are cultural matters just as important as practical ones. Do all you can to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be tolerant.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to be more decisive. A personal matter should be dealt with without delay. Do not expect others to do for you what you know you should do for yourself. Be amenable.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Your personal situation will take a turn for the better. You should not delay doing something that you know should be done virtually at once. You will be able to do something that a friend will greatly appreciate. Be tactful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The stellar influences are mostly favourable and you will be able to do most of what you have embarked upon. However only if you bear in mind that time is short and you have limited energy.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will tend to be a little on the nervous side and should do your best to stay away from controversy. And you should also seek to keep away from a stressful situation.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Attempt to bolster sagging prices

Gulf oil ministers to seek common strategy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Oct 14, (AP): Oil ministers from Saudi Arabia and its five partners in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) plan to meet on Sunday to try to find a strategy to bolster sagging oil prices.

That goal has eluded the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in the past several months, with prices at times dropping as much as \$8 below the \$18 per barrel benchmark.

Production

"Within the GCC, we must have one strategy, one oil policy," said GCC secretary-general Abdullah Bishara.

Saudi Arabia is aligned with Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman in the alliance. Aside from Bahrain and Oman, the GCC countries

are ranking members of the 13-nation OPEC.

OPEC has been trying to reign in production by its member states in hopes of raising prices.

Oil industry executives estimate that 13 out of the 20 million barrels per day OPEC production for August came from the GCC and its neighbours, Iraq and Iran. The outflow would have been 10.5 million barrels with strict quota adherence.

Iraq and Iran both ignored their OPEC quotas to finance their 8-year war. A UN-sponsored ceasefire went into effect on Aug 20, but both have insisted they be allowed to produce as much as needed to finance reconstruction.

A Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "the Gulf states will have to find

some way of helping Iran and Iraq, otherwise they will just keep producing." An industry source said Iraq might need to be pressured.

Prices

Iraq has hinted but not directly stated it will accept an OPEC production ceiling to bolster prices. It is producing about 2.7 million barrels per day against a quota of 1.5 million. Iran's output is pegged at 2.4-2.5 million barrels a day, slightly above its 2.36 million barrel quota. Damage to its facilities prevents higher output.

Within the GCC the emirates has publicly set its ceiling at 1.5 million barrels daily compared to its 948,000-barrel quota. Oil industry analysts have said Kuwait is also above its OPEC mark. And Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer and

OPEC's most influential member, has served notice that it will no longer play "swing producer" — decreasing output to balance others' overproduction.

The kingdom said this month it had lost \$109 billion over the years in attempting to shore up prices.

Reasons

The Saudi sources, who insisted on not being named, said that Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer will expound the reasons for the new policy. They said that Nazer will submit a joint action plan to confront recent developments and restore "balance and stability to the oil market."

The kingdom has stressed it backs OPEC and is ready to abide by quotas if others did, and analysts see its announced overproduction as a means of pressuring the others to get in line.

A Western diplomat, who could not be named under embassy rules, said the Oct 3 statement was a warning that "as long as others are cheating on their quotas, Saudi Arabia will too...they're not looking to start a price war, but they are looking to defend their market share."

The day after the Oct 3 announcement, prices dropped to a 11.40 and 26-month low. "It takes what the Saudis have done to get everybody back in line," said an industry source here. "It worked in 1986."

Prices

In 1983, the Saudis cut back their oil production to help stabilise prices, but lost so much market share that, two years later, they resorted to net-back pricing — pegging crude prices to the value of products. Other producers followed suit and oil

prices collapsed. In early 1987, the OPEC countries halted net-back pricing and briefly drove up prices.

The pro-government media has been lashing out at OPEC. The English-language Riyadh Daily referred to the organisation as "another motley organisation whose members are perennially at cross-purposes... tolerance does have its limits."

Prices have edged back up since the announcement, and analysts have said a cold winter might also help raise prices if the demand for heating oil grows.

Some sources say quotas may be increased to bring the current ceiling of 15.06 million barrels daily more closely in line with actual production of about 20 million barrels daily. OPEC's full ministerial session is on Nov 21 in Vienna.

Kuwait, Egypt sign trade co-operation agreement

CAIRO, Oct 14, (KUNA): Kuwait and Egypt signed a trade co-operation agreement here last night and agreed to look into ways of establishing joint projects to foster the good relations between the two Arab countries.

Kuwait's Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul-Razak Al Khalid signed the agreement with the Minister of Economy Dr Usri Mustafa in the presence of top officials from the two sides.

Al Khalid told newsmen that minutes of the meetings of the two sides in the last few days and what they reached on the agenda, have also been signed.

They also reviewed the agreement signed in 1966 and decided to revise it extensively and try update it in the joint interest of the two sides, he said.

The two sides also agreed to set up trade centres in the two countries, he said, adding that Egypt will open a permanent trade centre in Kuwait to facilitate the free flow of Egyptian commodities to the Gulf region.

In the field of industry, agreement was reached to utilise the abandoned industries in Kuwait.

Al Khalid said a Kuwaiti technical committee will visit Cairo next month to sign the final agreement on co-operation between the two countries which aims at establishing joint projects.

Later in the evening, Al Khalid met Egypt's Premier Atif Sidqi and told KUNA that he conveyed the greetings of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier to the government and people of Egypt on October celebrations and the return of Taba to the Egyptian sovereignty.

Sidqi entrusted Al Khalid with his greetings to HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier, he said.

Bank of England scales down size of UK banknotes

LONDON, Oct 14, (AP): Tourists will find it easier to tuck British banknotes into their wallets in a few years as the current series of large, unwieldy bills is replaced by smaller currency, the Bank of England announced.

"United Kingdom banknotes are quite, quite large internationally," said a spokesman for England's central bank, requesting anonymity. "There seems some logic in reducing their size so people can fit them into their wallets."

The bank's D-series notes, introduced in 1970, will be phased out in gradual stages beginning with the introduction of a new E-series £5 (\$8.5) bill in 1990 and continuing with new £10 (\$17), £20 (\$34) and £50 (\$85) bills through 1994, the spokesman said.

The D-series notes will remain legal tender.

Unlike many countries where currency notes are a uniform size, British banknotes come in various dimensions and hues.

The blue £5 (\$8.5) note, slightly larger than a US dollar bill, is dwarfed by the greenish £50 (\$85) note, nearly the size of a page from a paperback novel.

The average reduction will be about 0.5 inches (1.27 centimetres) in length and width. The bills will remain different sizes to help blind people distinguish between them, the spokesman said.

Britons carry more of the high-denomination notes than they used to, the spokesman said.

Iraq optimistic of returning to quota pact

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 14, (Reuters): Iraq said today it was optimistic it would soon return to OPEC's output pact after two years of refusing a quota.

"Let's say I am optimistic," Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters when asked if Iraq would return to a production ceiling soon after two meetings of the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries on October 20 and November 21.

Chalabi hinted strongly that the meetings would call for a tough line to curb overproduction by non-OPEC members.

"It depends on the position of the other 12 member countries. Nevertheless I am optimistic that there will be some solutions," Chalabi told a news conference after a two-day visit to Malaysia.

Quota

Iraq has refused a quota for two years, saying its demand for an output ceiling at least equal to its Gulf war foe Iran has been turned down. Iraq's production has since run to 2.7 million barrels per day (BDP), well above its last formal quota of 1.54 million.

Industry analysts say Iraq's return to the quota pact would clear a major hurdle in persuading other OPEC members to curb output.

Chalabi said all the major issues causing the fall in world oil



Visiting Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi (right) calls on Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir at the prime minister's office. The Iraqi minister is in Kuala Lumpur for a three-day visit. (Reuters wirephoto)

prices would be tackled at the OPEC meetings.

"Iraq's problem is not the major problem or the major hurdle... the redistribution of quotas is not only the problem of Iraq," OPEC's committees on price monitoring and long-term

strategy are scheduled to meet in Madrid on October 20 and a full OPEC meeting is due a month later.

Iraq is a member of the long-term strategy committee but Chalabi declined to comment on what new initiative he planned to

introduce.

Chalabi said Iraq's return to the quota pact was conditional on several major issues to be discussed at the meetings, including definition of crude and petroleum products, new ceilings and pricing.

Jordan's Central Bank to float dinar

AMMAN, Oct 14, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank has decided on a managed float of the dinar to curb heavy demand for foreign currencies and restrict an outflow of capital, bankers said on Thursday.

They said the decision, effective when markets reopen on Saturday, would in effect abolish the official dinar rate in favour of the free market rate. It was conveyed to bankers and financiers during a meeting at the Central Bank.

The dinar has lost almost 12 per cent of its value against the dollar in the past five months and has fallen even faster against other major currencies, according to Central Bank rates.

Aim

The bank will try to close a 10 per cent gap between the dinar's free market rate and daily Central Bank rate, which is binding on banks and financial institutions.

Economist Fadel Al Fanek told Reuters the aim to unify the exchange rates to curb demand for foreign currencies by making them more expensive. "Effectively it is a managed floating with unlimited flexibility," he said.

Investors try to tap oil wealth

Japanese see long-term investment opportunities in Gulf

BAHRAIN, Oct 14, (Reuters): Japan's powerful securities houses are moving into the Gulf in force to tap the vast wealth that still flows from liquid crude and turn it into solid yen.

A combination of typical Japanese willingness to endure losses in exchange for long-term benefits, and Gulf Arab investors' need to expand their yen portfolios has attracted them in as some Western institutions have cut back their operations in the area.

"The Japanese see long-term investment opportunities here. There is still a lot of money around the region," said one Arab monetary official.

Ten years ago, only a few of the very big institutions in the Gulf region, such as the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) and the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), held significant yen portfolios, Japanese securities house managers said.

But even they were relatively small in an area which, because it relies almost entirely on dollar-priced oil revenues, was heavily weighted in dollar assets, they said.

Two things changed that — the rise of the yen as an international currency, and the 1987 stockmarket collapse.

Clients

The meteoric rise of the yen began after the September, 1985 New York Plaza agreement to devalue the dollar through policy co-ordination between the Group of five industrialised nations — the United States, Japan, Britain, France, and West Germany.

"No one expected a dollar at 120 yen. Even I was advising my clients that it would be around 160 perhaps in a few years time," said one Japanese manager in the Gulf for several years.

But as the yen rose continued and Japanese stock, bond, and real estate assets began to soar, more and more Arab investors saw the yen as a way to preserve their net wealth, he said.

Local institutions typically had may be five per cent of their portfolios in yen a few years ago, now they have 15 to 20 per cent, said a senior manager at one of the major houses.

The rapid recovery of the Tokyo stockmarket to new highs after the collapse of world stockmarkets a year ago confirmed to Arab investors that they need yen, the managers said.

The so-called "Big Four" securities firms — Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi are all in Bahrain. Five smaller houses have also opened offices in Bahrain — New Japan, Nippon Kangyo Kakumaru, Okasan, Wako, and Sanyo.

"The severe competition between us is one reason we all have to come," said a manager at a smaller house.

"It's more difficult for the smaller houses with 20 personnel than for Nomura with 40 people," he added.

Also, the recent lull in the Japanese equity market and the strength of the dollar against the yen has made a duller market.

The big institutions are in for the long haul but private investors had begun to see Japan's market near its peak and had been looking at higher yielding dollar and sterling, he said.

But this renewed dollar weakness should have refocused Arab eyes on the defensive quality of yen, another manager said.

A major advantage for the Japanese is they have no real

foreign competition in raising yen business in the Gulf.

The Japanese also see the long-term advantage of securing a strategic position in a region which supplies two thirds of their nation's oil imports, and which generates two thirds of their nation's oil imports, and which generates large amounts of cash in relatively few hands even when oil prices are low.

Some of the Japanese at least are also helping propagate the legend of Japanese thoroughness.

"You see them in the coffee houses speaking Arabic. They were sent first to learn in Egypt," said the official.

"One old bedouin from the desert told me Bahrain was a good place because the Japanese gave him nice statements of accounts when he wanted them," he added.

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World Business Summary

Iran should co-operate with Arabs on oil: Rafsanjani

NICOSIA, Oct 14, (Reuters): Iran's military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today Tehran should stop quarrelling with Gulf Arab states and co-operate with them to shore up oil prices. Speaking at a Friday prayers meeting in Tehran, Rafsanjani blamed "childish slogans" for antagonising Gulf Arabs, leading to divergent oil policies which weakened prices and undercut revenues of all oil producing countries. "We feel there is no reason for us to quarrel with countries on the southern coast of the Gulf — with any of them," he said in a sermon broadcast on Tehran Radio. "If we quarrel, the situation will remain as it is now: Why should oil sell at \$10 or 11 (a barrel)?" he demanded. Rafsanjani's remarks, monitored in Nicosia, were some of Tehran's most conciliatory towards Gulf states, especially Saudi Arabia which broke diplomatic relations with Iran in April charging Tehran with hostile acts.

Iran has accused Saudi Arabia and other Gulf oil producers of flooding the market and pushing down prices to about half the \$18 per barrel target set by OPEC. Rafsanjani said by leaving behind enmities and adopting a joint oil policy, Iran and the Gulf producers could change the situation which only benefited industrial countries who paid less for their oil imports. "We can live with our neighbouring Muslim countries in a way that problems are not created and we do not squander our country's wealth for the sake of childish slogans," Rafsanjani said. "We are determined to act this way." Saudi Arabia's King Fahd offered an olive branch to Tehran last Tuesday when he regretted Iran's absence from a meeting in Jeddah of information ministers of Islamic nations. Tehran and several of the Gulf Arab states have started to mend relations following the August 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

US-Soviet Union end grain talks with no deal

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): US and Soviet negotiators failed in talks today to reach an agreement covering future Soviet imports of American grain, chief Soviet negotiator Yuri Chumakov said. He said the latest in several rounds of talks on a multi-million-dollar deal ended with no deal and the two sides would now consult their governments on whether to meet again. Earlier, an official involved in the London talks said they differed on both the duration of a new pact committing Moscow to agreed minimum purchases of American grain and how binding it would be. "We haven't reached an agreement," Chumakov said. Anxious to offer its strong farm lobby a guarantee of long-term sales, the United States wants Moscow to guarantee minimum purchases for five years. Soviet negotiators want more flexibility in case reforms by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev begin to result in much bigger Soviet harvests. They favour a less binding accord beyond the first year, a negotiator said. The US side on Thursday balked at agreeing to a draft Soviet proposal calling first for a one-year accord to be replaced later by a five-year non-binding agreement. "It wouldn't be an agreement. It would just be this nice piece of paper," a US official said. In the first year Moscow would pledge to buy either nine or 10 million tonnes depending on whether it bought all grain or included some soybeans and/or soy meal.

A previous US-Soviet grain supply agreement, the largest trade pact of its kind, expired on September 30 and called for annual minimum Soviet purchases of nine million tonnes. Earlier talks have been held in Washington and Vienna to try to negotiate a new agreement between the world's biggest importer and exporter of grain. The Reagan administration had hoped to wrap a five-year accord in time to give a boost to Republican presidential candidate "George Bush before the November 8 election. The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said the Soviet 1988 crop will be below last year's 211 million tonnes, which suggested that Moscow would need to import around 30 million tonnes of grain from all sources in 1988-89 (July-June).

Soviet Union could resume oil exports to Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO, Oct 14, (Reuters): The Soviet Union and Madagascar are negotiating a resumption of oil shipments to the Indian Ocean island, the Soviet ambassador said today. Pavel Petrick told a news conference deliveries could start shortly. The Soviet Union stopped exports in July saying Madagascar had not paid its bills. It had shipped 150,000 tonnes (1.1 million barrels), or just over 40 per cent of planned exports to Madagascar for 1988. The Soviet Union has traditionally supplied about two-thirds of Madagascar's oil. Soviet economic attaché Ury Slavgorosky said discussions on resuming shipments have focused on price. World oil prices have dropped sharply since July, hitting their lowest levels in two years this month. Both sides have agreed that Madagascar's oil imports should be financed in part by a five-year loan carrying an eight per cent interest rate. Last month, Madagascar bought its first cargo of oil from Iran — a shipment of 50,000 tonnes (370,000 barrels). An Iranian diplomat said other deals were under discussion.

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Energy stability crucial for economic growth: Lukman

LAGOS, Oct 14, (OPECNA): The Nigerian Minister of Petroleum Resources, Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman, has stressed that "stability in the energy market is crucial for global economic growth and development."

Delivering a paper titled "Future prospects of the world energy market and the role of OPEC" at the fourth annual faculty lecture of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, on Monday, Lukman said that oil was the most dominant form of energy in the global energy market.

Decline

He observed that movements in oil prices had generally affected overall energy development and stressed that "both OPEC and non-OPEC producers have significant roles to play in order to achieve this stability."

Lukman, also OPEC conference president, disclosed that global energy forecasts to the year 2000 indicated that the

share of oil in the energy mix might drop from 46 per cent in 1985 to 40 per cent by the year 2000.

Policy

He, however, added that the decline would be in terms of percentage contribution to the overall energy mix and that oil would remain the most dominant energy form in the future.

The minister said that up to the year 2000, oil consumption, compared to that of other forms of energy, was expected to grow at an average rate of 0.8 per cent per year, natural gas at three per cent and coal, electricity and nuclear power at four per cent.

Speaking on the implications of the low increase in oil demand in the next decade, the minister warned that revenues from oil might not be sufficient to implement programmes needed to achieve accelerated economic growth in the country.

In order to cope with the situation, he said, the country's energy supply base was being broadened, while industrial

diversification was being pursued through the implementation of petroleum-related programmes.

"Furthermore, appropriate policy measures are being evolved to ensure the optimum utilisation of the country's enormous energy resources," he added.

The minister also said that the upstream sector of the oil industry was being supported through the exploration activities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), coupled with sound fiscal policies. A new data processing centre was also bound to strengthen the sector.

These efforts, he said, would encourage the intensification of exploration and drilling activities in the country.

He listed them as: Expansion in the refining capacity, direct supply of crude to overseas refineries under joint-venture arrangements, commissioning of petrochemical plants and progress made on the liquefied natural gas project.

Fed chief throws support behind stable dollar

TOKYO, Oct 14, (Reuters): US Central Bank chief Alan Greenspan threw his support behind a stable dollar today after the currency's sharp fall over the past week.

"We seek stability in exchange rates," the Federal Reserve Board chairman told a news conference.

The dollar has dropped steeply this week as the United States reported a big jump in its trade deficit in August. A lower dollar would help cut the deficit by making American exports more competitive and imports more expensive.

Greenspan, in Tokyo at the invitation of his counterpart at the Bank of Japan, said the monthly trade figures tended to be highly erratic and that the trend in the US trade deficit remained downward.

"The trend is clearly downward in the American trade deficit," he said.

He said that the dollar policy of major nations was basically unchanged from that set out at the end of last year.

At that time, the Group of Seven (G-7) — Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United

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NAME	LAST	202.5
ABBAY LFE	304/0	
ADT LTD	133/0	
ALD LYONS	486/0	
AMSTRAD	206/5	
ARGYLL GP	167/0	
ASDA GP	153/0	
BAA	282/0	
BTR	291/0	
BAT INDS	444/0	
BARCLAYS	426/0	
BASS	783/0	
BEAZER	187/0	
BECHAMS	469/0	
BERKSFORD	410/0	
BICC PLC	401/0	
BLUE ARRY	90/5	
BLUE CIRC	470/0	
BOC GP	416/0	
BOOTS CO	218/0	
BPB INDS	255/0	
BR COMM	217/0	
BR AIRWAY	169/0	
BR AEROSP	469/0	
BR GAS RG	173/0	
BR GAS RT	172/0	
BR LAND	350/0	
B.P.	242/0	
B.P.PP	142/0	
BR TELCOM	242/0	
BURMAN B	531/0	
BURTON	213/0	
CABLEAIR	397/0	
CADBURYS	371/0	
COATS VLY	169/0	
COMB UNL	354/0	
CONS GOLD	228/0	
COOKSON	264/0	
COURTAUD	299/0	
DALGETY	330/0	
DIXONS	146/0	
ENG CHINA	520/0	
ENTER OIL	608/0	
F&I BACCK	125/0	
FISONS	252/0	
GATEWAY	180/0	
GEN ACCIO	897/0	
GEN ELEC	161/5	
GLAXO	084/0	
GRANADA	320/0	
GLOBE	142/5	
GLYNED	302/0	
GUARD RYL	188/0	
GUN	321/0	
GUINNESS	332/0	
HANSON A	658/0	
HANSON S	151/0	
HARRISON C	651/0	
HAVER SID	535/0	
HILLSDOWN	275/0	
ICI	032/0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	744/0	745/0
600 GROUP	112/0	112/0
A.AMER TS	358/0	358/0
A.B.ELECT	438/0	436/0
A.S.W.HLD	195/0	195/0
AAR KEWT	71/0	71/0
AAH HLD	252/0	252/0
AARONSON	126/0	126/0
ADISON	31/4	31/0
ADVEST	337/0	337/0
ALEX WUK	178/0	177/0
ALEXON	341/0	341/0
ALL COLL	132/4	133/0
ALLD JR B	257/0	259/0
ALLD LON	129/0	128/0
ALLD PLINT	57/0	57/0
ALLIANCE	842/0	840/0
AMER DAY	30/4	31/0
AMEC	361/0	363/0
AMER TST	129/4	130/0
AMERSHAM	375/0	375/0
AMH HLTCH	230/0	230/0
ANGELIA TV	210/0	209/0
ANGLO O'S	213/4	213/4
ANUSCHER	83/4	86/0
APPLEYARD	463/0	460/0
APY PLC	128/0	128/0
AQUAS.A.	77/0	78/0
ARAN ENGY	56/0	56/0
ARCHER AJ	133/0	133/0
ARLINGTON	163/0	163/0
ARMSTRONG	204/0	204/0
ASHLEY GP	79/0	80/0
ASHLEY.LA	110/0	110/0
ATWOODS	300/0	301/0
ATUT REED	368/0	368/0
AUTO SEC	276/0	276/0
AVDEL PLC	72/0	72/0
AVIS EUR	337/0	337/0
AVON RUBB	713/0	710/0
B.H.WILL	185/0	185/0
BAILL SHI	75/0	75/0
BALD (V)	235/0	234/0
BANK IRE	258/0	257/0
BANKER IT	75/4	76/0
BARKER DO	131/0	131/0
BART DEV	172/4	171/0
BAYNES C.	31/0	32/0
BBA GROUP	170/0	171/0
BEAR B.VT	4/0	4/0
BEAR BRND	9/4	9/4
BEATTIE J	149/0	148/0
BEJAM GP	159/0	159/0
BEHAVEN	52/0	53/0
BELLWAY	242/0	243/0
BENROSE	208/0	208/0
BENLOX H	55/0	55/0
BERKELEY	284/0	285/0
BHAM MINT	417/0	418/0
BHH GROUP	105/0	106/0

LONDON
(Gamma Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BK OF SCO	350/0	350/0
BLCK LE 2	13/6	13/4
BNETT +F	34/0	35/0
BOASE HAS	234/0	235/0
BODDINSTR	146/0	146/0
BOOTH SHOP	600/0	598/0
BOOTH HENR	393/0	393/0
BORTHICK	55/0	55/0
BR ARROW	107/0	108/0
BR ASSETS	67/6	68/0
BR DREGDI	142/0	141/0
BR VITA	229/0	229/0
BRENT CHE	132/0	132/0
BRENT WKR	353/0	354/0
BRIDON	181/0	182/0
BRITAIN SE	182/0	181/0
BRITANNIC	355/0	357/0
BRITON E	345/0	346/0
BRYANT GP	135/0	136/0
BSG INTL	62/4	62/4
BSR INTL	65/0	65/0
BULLOUGH	473/0	473/0
BULMER HP	153/0	155/0
CALENDONIA	354/0	352/0
CALOR GRP	389/0	389/0
CAMB ELEC	224/0	223/0
CANFORD E	184/0	185/0
CANNING W	211/0	212/0
CANNON ST	257/0	256/0
CAP-RADIO	414/0	415/0
CARADON	339/0	340/0
CARLCO EN	170/0	169/0
CARLTON C	615/0	620/0
CATER ALL	340/0	338/0
CATTLE HD	64/0	64/0
CAULD	10/4	10/4
CENTL TV	570/0	568/0
CHAM PHRR	154/0	154/0
CHARTERNA	20/0	20/0
CHAS CHUR	107/0	107/0
CHLORIDE	51/0	51/0
CHRISTIES	565/0	565/0
CI GROUP	49/0	49/0
CNTRL SEC	51/0	51/0
CNTRY OIL	165/0	164/0
COATES BR	309/0	307/0
COLLINS A	456/0	455/0
COLLINS V	536/0	537/0
COLLOROLL	171/0	171/0
CONNELLS	246/0	245/0
COSTAIN	331/4	332/0
COSTA FR	214/0	213/0
COMTE CT	134/0	134/0
CRH	137/0	138/0
CRODA INT	192/0	193/0
CRYSTALAT	155/0	156/0
CTRY PROP	249/0	250/0
DARES EST	29/0	29/0
DAVIS GD	153/0	153/0
DAVY CORP	163/0	164/0
DE LA RUE	475/0	475/0
DELTA GRP	288/0	288/0
DEVENISH	307/0	305/0
DEWINTER	40/4	41/0
DIPLOMA	215/0	216/0
DODSON PK	92/4	93/0
DOUGLAS R	301/0	301/0
DOWLING	59/0	60/0
DONATY GRP	230/0	230/0
DRAYTON C	491/0	491/0
DRUMMIST	72/0	72/0
DUNDEE LD	289/0	289/0
DUNHILL	205/0	208/0
EAGLE TST	13/4	13/2
EDIN I.T	157/2	157/0
ELECTRON	197/0	198/0
ELLIS EVA	162/0	162/0
EMIR	212/0	212/0
EMPIRE ST	236/0	236/0
ERA GROUP	64/0	65/0
EURO.NOME	300/0	300/0
EUROHOM	401/0	402/0
EURLIN UT	323/0	323/0
EURLIN UT	19/6	20/0
EVODE GRP	180/0	180/0
EXPANET	189/0	189/0
F&C ENROT	27/0	27/0
F&C ENROT	221/0	222/0
F&C PACIF	133/0	132/0
F&C SNLIR	69/0	69/0
FALCON	103/0	100/0
FARNELL E	143/0	142/0
FED.HOUSH	278/0	278/0
FENNER JH	167/0	167/0
FERGUSON	265/0	266/0
FILMAG GP	82/0	83/0
FILMAY J	130/0	129/0
FITCH LOV	274/0	273/0
FLMGR AME	122/0	122/0
FLMGR F.E	176/0	176/0
FLMGR INTV	138/0	139/0
FLMGR JAV	194/0	194/0
FLMGR JAV	52/0	51/0
GRANPH H	282/0	282/0
GREEN KMG	455/0	455/0
GREENW V	247/0	247/0
GREYCOAT	419/0	418/0
GRUP TV A	47/0	46/0
GT PTMILN	353/0	353/0
GUINNESS N	127/0	126/0
GUINNS OR	675/0	700/0
GVTT ATLA	133/0	133/0
GVTT STRA	227/0	227/0
H.LIND DIS	125/0	125/0
HALL (N)	175/0	176/0
HALMA	196/0	196/0
HANBROS I	216/0	216/0
HANBROS I	710/0	708/0
HAWTHIN LE	47/4	47/4
HAZELWOOD	216/0	216/0
HEATH(CE)	438/0	439/0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/0
HELICAL B	318/0	318/0
HEPMORTH	237/4	238/0

LONDON
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NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
HESTAIR	322/0	322/0
HEYWOOD W	284/0	284/0
HIGGS HIL	235/0	236/0
HIBBO CITY	75/0	75/0
HIBROD ZOP	235/0	233/0
HINTR SPHR	177/0	178/0
HOLMES PR	107/0	107/0
HOLMAN GP	127/4	128/0
HPOKINSON	107/0	107/0
HTV GROUP	263/0	260/0
ICE.FZ.FD	345/0	345/0
IMRY N.DV	392/0	395/0
INDPMDT W	12/0	12/0
INT.BU.CH	118/0	119/0
INT.CITY	129/0	130/0
INVERGORD	367/0	405/0
JINNSFIR	45/4	45/4
JOS HLDGS	161/0	163/0
KALAMAZOO	51/4	51/0
KALON GRP	33/0	33/0
KELT ENGY	34/0	34.3
KETSON	78/0	79/0
KLMRT O'S	132/0	132/0
KWIK SAVE	348/0	349/0
KWIK-FIT	107/0	107/0
LAING 'A'	310/0	310/0
LAING ORD	310/0	310/0
LAING PRP	500/0	500/0
LAIRD GRP	244/0	245/0
LANDLEISU	351/0	351/0
LDM HET	148/0	149/0
LDM INTL	218/0	218/0
LDM SHOP	253/0	255/0
LDM UTD	131/0	128/0
LDMREDIN	138/0	138/0
LDF SERV	385/0	386/0
LIFE SCIE	53/0	53/0
LILLEY FJ	53/0	53/0
LIT	147/0	147/0
LLOYD TRP	210/0	210/0
LOCAL LDN	528/0	528/0
LOGICA	355/0	354/0
LOW (LM)	645/0	645/0
LOWBOURNE	210/0	212/0
LONDES	79/4	80/0
M&G GROUP	340/0	339/0
M.C.PACIF	163/0	163/0
M&CARTHY	227/0	227/0
MAI	90/0	90/0
MAJEDIE	211/0	211/0
MARDERS	203/0	203/0
MARKEATH	75/0	75/0
MATTHEWS	85/0	85/0
MAUDERS	105/0	105/0
MCWHIRTE	334/0	334/0
MEME	220/0	220/0
MENZIES	299/0	300/0
MERCH. TST	151/0	151/4
MERLIN IN	117/0	118/0
METAL CLS	188/0	189/0
METALRAC	84/0	84/0
MEYER INT	383/0	384/0
MIDSUMMER	178/0	178/0
ML HLDGS	115/0	115/0
MNT CHLT	143/4	144/0
MOLINS OR	214/0	215/0
MOMKS IT	213/4	213/0
MORGAN CR	246/0	246/0
MORGAN GF	296/0	295/0
MORLAND	638/0	640/0
MOUTLEIG	160/0	160/0
MOUTLEIG	390/0	390/0
MURRY INCH	177/4	177/4
MURRY INTL	180/0	180/0
MS INTL	119/0	118/0
N.E.M.T	104/4	104/4
NAT.TELCH	149/0	149/0
NEARTRON	700/0	700/0
NORFOLK C	29/0	29/4
NORMANS	57/4	57/0
NORTHAMER	395/0	395/0
NORTH OPX	142/0	142/0
NSM PLC	85/0	84/0
NURDINPCO	168/0	167/0
O'SEAS IT	179/0	179/0
OCEAN TPT	247/0	248/0
OCEANICS	19/0	20/0
OSORY EST	21/2	21/0
QANERS AB	62/0	62/0
P & D MTS	35/0	35/0
P & P PLC	255/0	255/0
PACIFIC A	133/0	133/0
PAGE OR	45/0	45/0
PENTLAND	99/0	100/0
PENTOS PLC	97/0	96/0
PERGAMON	83/0	84/0
PERRY GRP	218/0	218/0
PERSIMMON	100/0	100/0
PHOENIX	170/0	170/0
PICKLOCK	230/0	230/0
PLEASURAM	209/0	211/0
PRESTWICH	141/0	139/0
PRIEST (B)	19/6	19/6
PRIEST NA	389/0	388/0
PROPSSECUR	183/0	183/0
PROUDFOOT	273/0	273/0
PROV FILM	319/0	319/0
RAINE ID	84/0	84/0
ROUTLAND T	41/0	41/0
RYAN INTL	130/0	129/0
SAGA GRP	234/0	234/0
SALE TFLY	193/0	192/0
SALVAGE	169/0	169/0
SAVILL G	47/0	47/0
SAVILL G	118/0	118/0
SAVOY 'A'	795/0	800/0

International Bond Highlights

London — The Province of Saskatchewan launched a 250 mln Canadian dir Eurobond, due November 10, 1993, pays 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc said. It was increased from 200 mln dir soon after launch. (RTUP 1442)

London — The Republic of Austria is issuing a 100 mln ECU Eurobond due March 25, 1994, paying 7-1/2 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (RTYQ 1107)

London — New reporting rules for the UK based members of the Association of International Bond Dealers (AIBD) will help improve price transparency in the Eurobond market, making it more attractive for investors, AIBD officials and regulatory officials told a meeting today. (RTTK 1336)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-15/16 13/16	11-15/16 13/16	12-1/16 11-15/16
FFI 4.70/80	4.85/95	5.05/15
PAR 7-3/4 7/8	7-11/16 7/8	7-7/8 8-1/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 7.75	7-1/8 3/16	7-1/4 3/16
ROM 10-1/4 10-3/4	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS 5.43/56	5.25/35	5.31/43
TOK 3.9375 4.0000	4.2500 3125	4.3750 4375
ECU 7.12 7.37	7.25 7.37	7.43 7.56

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-5/16	6-5/16
3 months	6-5/16	6-11/16
6 months	6-5/16	6-11/16
1 year	6-5/16	6-3/4

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	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	70	69	71 NICO	650	645	650
				GNFC	53.75	54	53 NUKAND	110	107	109
ACC	266.50	267	273	GRASIM	115	115	117 NOCIL	800	800	810
ASIA PAINT	204	210	212.50	GSFC	164	162	164.50 ORKAY	33	31.50	33
BAJAJ AUTO	373.75	--	--	HIND LEVER	81	80	81.50 PEICO	35	33	34
BAL. RAYON	310	320	310	HINDALCO	116	117	117 PFIZER	79	76	78
BOM. DYING	135	133	132	HINDOCODA	111.25	110	116.25 PRE. AUTO	44.50	45.50	44
BR. BOND	116	113	115	HINDMOTR	30.75	31.50	32.50 RAYMOND	59	57	60
BSE INDEX	664.45	--	656.12	HIND ORG	42	41	42.50 RELIANCE	166	165	163
CENTURYSPG	1265	1260	1295	INDORANV	77	77.50	75.50 SIEMENS	107.50	109	102
COLGATE	288.75	288.75	290	INDROL	245	241.25	248.50 SPIC	51.50	49.50	50
DEEPAKFERT	44	44	44	ITC	53	51	53 STDHILLS	350	340	350
EI. HOTEL	55	50	52.50	JKSYNTH	83	81.50	84 TATA PWR	--	--	--
EKAYEVE	138.75	137.50	138.75	L AND T	133	129.50	128 TATACHEN	10	98	100
ESSAR	22	22	22	MARINDRA	98.50	102	97 TELCO	722.50	718.75	710
GAR. POLY	93.50	94	99.50	MASTERSHR	17.50	17	17.25 TISCO	941.25	937.50	936.25
GE. SHIP	38.25	38.25	38.50	MATHER PL	95	87.50	100 VOLTAS	430	390	410

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	186.8 187.0
ALLIANZ VR	1699.0 1685.0
BADENWERK	179.0 177.5
BASF	278.2 273.8
BAYER	310.5 304.0
BAYER HYP	384.5 378.0
BAYER VER	384.5 377.0
BBC	319.5 317.0
BHF	431.0 426.0
BNW	516.0 514.0
COMMERZBK	253.0 249.0
CONTI GUMM	255.0 250.7
DAIMER BEN	715.0 704.0
DEUTSC BAK	543.5 535.5
DLW	380.0 375.0
DRESNER B	307.5 299.5
FALZ INDEX	171.0 168.5
FELDMUEBLE	529.0 522.0
GOLDSCHEID	280.0 279.0
HANSEATIC	419.0 409.0
HOFMEIER AG	309.2 301.5
HOFMEIER	161.2 159.0
HORTEN	214.0 212.0
HUSSEL HLD	460.0 457.0
KALIT SALZ	163.0 163.5
KARSTADT	452.0 450.0
KAUFHOFF	409.5 403.5
KLOECK H	132.5 131.5
KLOECK W	100.0 98.0
LINDE	688.0 685.0
LUFTHANSA	152.3 149.0
MAN	218.5 215.5
MANHESMAN	181.2 179.8
MERCEDES	587.0 572.0
METALLGES	302.0 300.0
NIXDORF PF	418.0 414.0
NORSK HYD	27.40 27.40
PHILIP KOM	615.0 610.0
POSCHE	581.0 581.0
PREUSSAG	185.0 181.5
PSA	245.5 243.5
RHEINMETAL	315.0 299.0
RUE P	235.0 232.0
RUE P	217.5 214.8
SALAMANDER	278.0 272.0
SCHERING	556.0 547.0
SEL	290.0 288.0
SIEMENS	489.5 485.0
THYSSEN	164.5 162.0
VARTA	288.0 286.0
VEBA	270.3 265.0
VEW	159.8 159.2
VOLKSWAGEN	308.0 301.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.20 15.10
CHEUNG K	7.55 7.45
CHINA GAS	17.00 16.90
CHINA L-P	16.00 15.80
CHINA MTR	22.80 22.60
COSMO PROP	3.00 2.80
EVERGO IND	5.50 5.50
FAR EAST C	7.4 7.4
G EN ORIENT	0 44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.85 8.70
H S INDEX	593.00 561.76
HANG LUNG	5.35 5.15
HANG SENG	27.90 27.80
HAW PAR BR	9.70 9.70
HK ELEC CO	7.05 7.05
HK KOLCOON	8.25 8.10
HK LAND CO	8.35 8.25
HK SHAN BK	6.45 6.40
HK SHAN HT	4.72 4.57
HK TELE CO	5.25 5.25
HUTCH WHAM	8.60 8.35
IND EQ PAC	10.40 9.83
JARDINE M	13.70 13.60
KOMLOON M	8.65 8.50
NEW WORLD	11.80 11.60
PAUL Y CON	2.87 3.00
REALTY DEV	6.85 6.80
S H K CO	2.02 2.02
S H K PROP	11.70 11.40
SIN LUK	2.25 2.20
SIN LUK MFG	2.75 2.75
SHUI PAO	17.80 17.70
T V B CO	14.20 14.10
TAI CHEUNG	3.77 3.67
UNION BANK	1.52 1.54
WOCK HND	0 7.25
WOCK HNT	0 1.15
WORLD INTL	3.92 3.87

AMMAN

As of 12.10.98	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.16	1.15
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.78	1.79
ARAB BANK	110.2	111.9
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.71	3.73
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.45	1.50
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.99
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB INT. HOTELS	0.58	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.30	0.31
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	1.89	1.89
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.90	14.95
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAH PRESS	0.67	0.67
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.78	1.81
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.47	0.48
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.56	0.56
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.55	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.30	1.30
GENERAL MINING.	1.35	1.35
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.27	1.27
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.67	0.67
INDSTRIL DEVLPT BAK	1.50	1.45
INDSTRIL/CONV/AGR.	1.15	1.15
INDSTRIL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERCOM/INV.	0.11	0.12
IRABID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.29	1.28
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.79
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JOR TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.19	1.18
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.63	1.65
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.05	1.04
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.93	0.92
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.63	1.63
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.58	0.57
JOR LHM BRICK	0.19	0.19
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.55	2.52
JOR PAPER CARDBRDR	3.19	3.23
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.52	2.65
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.24	1.24
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.70	0.72
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.74	0.75
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.61	2.60
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.15	1.15
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60	4.60
JOR KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.71	7.70
JOR-FRENCH INS.	4.55	4.52
JOR-INV.FIN.CORP	2.12	2.13
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.29
JORDAN DAIRY	1.00	1.01
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.18
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	1.63	1.63
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.33	1.32
JORDAN TANNING	1.97	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.62	0.65
MACH/EMI/RENT/MAIN	0.75	0.75
NAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.67	0.74
NAT-FIN INVEST CO	1.78	1.73
NAT/CARTEL/VIRE/MF	0.99	1.00
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.24	1.30
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40	0.38
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.67	0.67
NATIONAL STEEL	2.46	2.50
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BAK	1.90	2.00
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.92	0.95
RAFTA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.86
SPINNING WEAVING	0.91	0.92
THE HOUSING BANK	1.82	1.80
UNITED INSURANCE	0.98	0.98
UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.66	1.69
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.64
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.16	1.18

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	69.00
AC-A	9.20	9.30	9.30	LC-A	.44 .45 .44
ANS	2.42	2.44	2.44	PK-A	.30 .31 .31
GLO	30.50	31.00	---	PK-B	.32 .33 .32
PLDT	213.00	214.00	214.00	OIL SECTOR	---
KPSI-A	2.20	2.24	2.24	BP-A	.012 .013
KPSI-B	3.00	3.00	---	BP-B	.013 .014
SNC-A	137.00	138.00	138.00	LRC-A	.0028 .003
SNC-B	230.00	235.00	---	LRC-B	.0028 .0032
NINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPM-A	.026 .027
APK-A	.022 .023	.023	---	OPM-B	.027 .028
APK-B	.023 .024	.023	---	OV-A	.027 .028
AT-A	21.50	21.75	21.50	OV-B	.028 .029

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	361,470	2,716,845	857.23	1.26 UP
COMM-IND.	32,447,500	3,143,565	4,161.77	2.12 UP
MINING	48,600,000	618,100	4.863	0.089 UP
OIL	81,408,970	6,478,510	726.37	4.39 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

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NINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPM-A	.026 .027
APK-A	.022 .023	.023	---	OPM-B	.027 .028
APK-B	.023 .024	.023	---	OV-A	.027 .028
AT-A	21.50	21.75	21.50	OV-B	.028 .029
AT-B	23.50	24.00	23.50	TA	.019 .02

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	UP	CHANGES
SECTOR	274,680	1,939,870	854.63	UP	2.07
C/I	108,464,000	7,439,850	3989.34	DN	13.20
MINING	105,150,000	1,982,950	5.053	UNCH.	---
OILS	211,888,680	11,362,670	725.52	UP	0.16

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	FLUITEC	656	KUMP	EWAS	101	119
ADEF A				G KENT	72	N CONT		101	101
ADEF B				G LUMBER	98.5	N FEEDWIL	----	34	
ALEXANDRA		160	25	G TOWN		N FLOUR		310	
ANAL PROP				G U HLDS	----	102 N GLASS		202	202
ANAL ST A	24.5	25	129	GENA HDG	29.5	30 N TIN PRT		56	56
ANCOL		130	129	GEM CORP	60.5	60 M UTD IND		141	141
BERJAYA	112	112	102	GENTING	484	486 M UTD MFG		59	59
BOUSTLED	127	126	126	GSD COOH		196 M UTD		605	605
CARLSBERG		125	125	IST		10 M WATA			
		126	126	GUINNESS	281	281 MAGNUM	200	200	200
CEREBOS		320	320	GULA	----	28.5 MALEX IND		380	380
CHEM IND		320	320	H L IND.	149	149 NCB HLDS	73	75	75
CK TANG	255	260	260	HARIMAU	89	89 NINEBA		126	126
CK TANG	370	368	368	HAW PAR	297	300 MULTIPALD	----	47.5	47.5
COLD STOR	476	472	472	HEX KAZA	67.5	67 MULTIPURP	54.5	55	55
CS HLDS	39	39	39	INNO-PAC	218	220 MURATA100			
DIXH		505	505	INNOVEST	99.5	N ST TIME	284	285	285
DND BHD	95	94	94	INTAS	30	29.5 NAMELASTPR CL			
DUTA CON	----	440	440	IOD WOOD	----	76 NB TIMBER	76.5	77	77
DUTCHBARY				J CEMENT	77	77 PILECON		103	103
ESSE MAGN	153	151	151	JACKS LTD	----	138 ROBINSON	244	250	250
ELCO ORD		340	340	JC ENT		92 ROTH IND	200	200	200
EYUAN S	221	220	220	JC-MPH	82	80 S FODDER		45	45
				JOHAN HDG	39	40 S PACIFIC		314	314
F & N RTS		350	350	K G HLDS		125 S PRESS	725	720	720
F A C B		28.5	28.5	K KELLAS		220 S PRESS F	720	720	720
F E SHIP	220	219	219	KAMUNTING		100 S SHIP	308	308	308
FBN ORD	650	655	655	KAMUNTA S	68.5	69 S WANG M	179	178	178
FEB CABLE	----	67	67	KE KANG		120 S HANG M		110	110
FED FLOUR		560	560	KECK SENG		165 SHELLO ORD	486	490	490
FIMA BHD		248	248	KEPPEL	270	270 SSANGYONG		128	128

UK shares rise

Dollar sharply down and gold gains

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters). The dollar ended today around 4.4 per cent down from its value of a week ago against Japan's yen, depressed by signs of a slowing US economy and news of a wider American trade gap.

It was also weaker against the West German mark as it continued to reverse a powerful summer rally.

Wall Street showed broad gains in early trading with the Dow Jones industrial average up 6.75 at 2,140.11 at New York's midday. The US stock market is rebounding from a 30-point fall midweek.

The gold price was also firm around \$409 an ounce in late London trading, reflecting the weaker dollar.

Fall
The dollar closed in London today at 127.35 yen and 1.8130 marks after 1.8612 and 1.8325 a week ago. The fall was 4.4 per cent against the yen and 2.6 per cent against the mark.

Dealers thought central banks might step in and buy the dollar if it fell further.

"There's potential on the downside but people are wary of

central banks supporting the dollar at lower levels," a European-based dealer for a US bank said.

The Bank of England sold pounds to brake a sharp rise in sterling which rose to around \$1.7550 following remarks by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson that already-high British interest rates might rise again to combat inflation.

Reason

One reason that the dollar is weak is that the US economy is not now seen to be overheating to the extent that higher American interest rates are likely.

US August producer prices, retail sales and industrial output figures today all supported that view. Meanwhile, news on Thursday that the US August trade deficit widened to \$12.2 billion from \$9.3 billion in July also hit the dollar this week.

Prices for crude oil ended the week about \$1.50 above 27-month lows to which they were driven last week by new evidence of excess production by OPEC.

Sellers were asking more for the barrel ahead of talks among

oil ministers in Madrid next Thursday which may lead to action to deal with the present glut.

Typical North Sea Brent crude was quoted today at high as \$12.95 a barrel.

In London a spell of buying for Monday's new two-week trading account lifted share prices from a generally mixed performance and gave the market a firm tone in late afternoon business, dealers said.

Prices had been mixed for much of the session, ignoring a firm Wall Street opening today and showing little reaction to UK monthly data showing gains in retail prices, unit labour costs and industrial production.

The FTSE 100 share index was up 8.8 points to its high on the day of 1,839.5. "The index is telling us people think there is progress to be made in the new account," one dealer said.

The 0.5 per cent rise in the September UK retail prices index to 5.9 per cent year-on-year was above expectations of a 5.8 per cent increase, although the one per cent rise in August UK unit labour costs compared with

forecasts of a 2.7 per cent increase.

Following yesterday's news of an underlying rise in UK August average earnings, the rise in labour costs still has long-term implications for higher inflation, dealers said.

News that UK industrial output rose 1.3 per cent in August, against forecasts of around 0.6 per cent and July's 0.2 per cent rise, was well received but there remains concern that higher retail prices will eventually be reflected in demands for higher wages.

UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said on a local radio programme today that UK interest rates would go higher if inflation continued to rise but that there was no immediate cause for an interest rate increase.

Yesterday Lawson said the fight against inflation was paramount and interest rates would have to stay high for some time.

Analysts see high interest rates as a way of limiting demand and helping to redress the balance of payments deficit by deterring

spending on imported consumer goods.

Trusthouse Forte shares were again active today, but fell a penny to 279 on turnover of 9.2 million as yesterday's rumours of a dawn raid in the company came to nothing, dealers said. They said some investors who bought the shares yesterday were selling into the strength caused by bid speculation.

There is, however, still talk in the market that a predator, possibly a overseas consortium, is stalking Trusthouse Forte.

Allied Lyons shares rose 8p to 487 on volume of 8.3 million dealers said rumours that Bond Corp wants to add to its 11.08 per cent stake were helping to push the shares ahead. "It's a share that institutions feel they should hold onto," one dealer said.

Shares in property company Hammerson closed 14p lower at 659, reacting to yesterday's gains and news that its first-half pre-tax profit slipped to £25.37 million from 27.03 million in the same 1987 period. Other property shares saw MEPC down a penny to 566 although land securities firmed 2p to 579.

American wholesale inflation eases as economy slows

WASHINGTON, Oct 14, (Reuters). A string of government reports today showed US inflation at the wholesale level moderated last month as the economy continued to slow down after expanding rapidly in the first half of the year.

Producer prices rose 0.4 per cent after a 0.6 per cent increase in August, retail sales fell unexpectedly by 0.4 per cent, and industrial production was unchanged.

Taken together, the reports suggested the interest-rate increases engineered earlier in the year by the Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, were taking some steam out of the economy and stifling inflationary pressures, economists said.

Goods

Producer prices for finished goods rose 2.7 per cent in the 12 months ended in September, compared with 2.2 per cent in the whole of 1987, the Labour Department said.

Two other measures of wholesale inflation also suggested inflationary pressures were not increasing.

Prices of goods at the intermediate stage of processing rose 0.4 per cent last month, the same as in August, while crude goods prices fell 0.5 per cent after rising 1.1 per cent in August.

But economists said Fed chairman Alan Greenspan would not be able to relax his guard and

lower interest rates much, if at all, to keep the 71-month-old US economic expansion humming.

A 3.3 per cent drop in the energy prices was largely responsible for the slowdown in inflation, they said.

Excluding the volatile components of food and energy, the producer price index rose 0.6 per cent last month, twice as fast as in August.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said retail sales last month fell by \$519 million or 0.4 per cent, to \$133.66 billion, largely because of weak car sales.

Sales

The fall, which confounded forecasts of a 0.5 per cent increase, was the largest since April and rounded off a disappointing third quarter for the nation's shopkeepers.

Retail sales dropped 0.1 per cent in August and rose just 0.5 per cent in July.

The softness in retail sales suggested to economists that although Thursday's US trade report showed imports are running at record levels, domestic demand continues to moderate as the economy gradually makes the transition to export-led growth that is needed to reduce the trade deficit.

The level of retail sales last month was 4.3 per cent higher than a year earlier, the Com-

merce Department said.

Excluding cars, sales were unchanged in September after rising 0.5 per cent in August.

Car sales fell 1.9 per cent to \$28.66 billion after falling 2.2 per cent in August.

September is the end of the model year, and Detroit's big three car makers on Thursday reported strong sales for the first 10 days of October.

The unchanged level of industrial production, which followed a rise of 0.2 per cent in August, reflected a drop in electricity output to more normal levels after a surge needed to run air conditioners during the summer heat wave, the Federal Reserve Board said.

Industrial production was still 5.5 per cent higher than in September 1987, the Fed said. Factories have enjoyed brisk business in the past year because of the lower dollar, which makes US goods cheaper overseas.

Output of consumer goods fell 0.3 per cent, however, providing further evidence of softening retail demand.

The inflation report showed the summer's drought, which sharply reduced farm output, was still having an impact on prices.

Consumer food prices rose 1.2 per cent in September, after a 0.4 per cent increase in August, and were 4.3 per cent above their year-earlier level.

World oil demand increasing

OPEC to work for price stability, says Subroto

LONDON, Oct 14, (OPECNA). OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto said here yesterday that the organisation would adopt strategies and policies needed to ensure the "stability of real oil prices which should keep pace with the growth of the world economy, the world oil demand and the finite nature of oil as a commodity."

He declared this objective would be achieved sooner than most detractors of OPEC thought.

In a keynote address at the opening of the annual oil and money conference, he said OPEC had been considering the issue at length, adding "we firmly believe that the concept of fairness should be considered in a global context and therefore the only fair price for oil is one fair to both producers and consumers."

According to Subroto, in real terms a price of \$18 per barrel was not significantly different from the one that prevailed prior to the first adjustment in October 1973.

Prices

He said that the restoration of prices to this level was only an immediate objective and a means of instituting order in the oil market.

The OPEC secretary-general said that it was crucial to first restore an "acceptable degree of order" in the market, something OPEC alone could not accomplish as it would cause severe

damage to the economies of its member countries.

"It would require greater and more concrete co-operation from all other producers who stand to benefit more than OPEC member countries from price stability, particularly since most of them have not had to endure sacrifices comparable to those endured by OPEC."

Role

"Accordingly, the role of OPEC as the price leader was bound to strengthen in the course of time and if we are to avoid sharp fluctuations over the next decade or so then it is essential to establish closer co-operation between OPEC and other producers to overcome the present chaos," he said.

He also called for genuine understanding between producers and consumers to avoid, or at least to lessen, the possibility of a repetition of the short-term price upheavals witnessed in the last 10 years.

Dr Subroto said that there are general indications that the world demand for oil is increasing. He said that the two most likely scenarios centred round "desirable" and "achievable" growth.

He said the first scenario envisaged a narrowing down of the present economic divide that separated the rich from the poor countries, now clearly reflected in the wide disparity between the average per capita energy consumption of the two groups.

"Whether this scenario is too idealistic or even Utopian, is perhaps a matter of subjective judgement," he said, "but what it implies is simply the need for a rate of economic growth for the developing countries well above five per cent per year."

Realities

He said the second scenario was based on the "harsh current realities" of the world economy and on the assumption that the policies of the rich countries would continue to hinder the alleviation of these realities.

He noted that the massive debt problem, declining primary commodity prices, increasing trade protectionism and the widening of the technological gap, already had had a devastating effect on the economies of the developing countries.

"The prospect of resolving them is getting bleaker day by day and the developing countries may not even be able to achieve the very modest economic growth of four or five per cent per annum," he said.

But, he added, even the achievement of this low economic growth rate would entail a 60 to 80 per cent increase in the

energy consumption of developing countries by the 1990s.

"What is clear is that developing countries' demand for energy in the medium and long terms is bound to increase," the secretary-general said.

As this group of countries was generally not well-endowed with other energy sources, the bulk of their incremental energy demand would inevitably have to be provided by oil, he added.

He said there was need to adopt measures to correct the present market imbalance and to restore prices as soon as possible to the reference level of \$18 per barrel.

"We recognise that within our organisation there are certain problems which have hindered the strict implementation of our production and official pricing agreements in the last 18 months," he added.

"But we have spent a lot of time and efforts in tackling these problems and we are confident that we will be able to resolve these and to formulate a long-term strategy with regard to prices and production."

Optimism

Subroto said he was basing his optimism on his meetings with several heads of state when he toured OPEC member countries, and the end of the Gulf war.

Another ground for optimism was the emerging consensus within OPEC to smooth out dif-

ferences among individual member countries regarding issues which were of a technical rather than substantive nature.

The secretary-general, however, made it clear that OPEC was under no illusion that it could effectively cope with the current situation without the solid support of other major producers and consumers.

He said that the oil industry urgently needed was a broader-based dialogue between OPEC and all other oil producers.

According to Subroto, the prospects of instituting enduring stability in the oil market would remain "somewhat bleak" as long as the attitudes of some of the major oil producers and oil consuming industrialized countries continued to be characterized by indifference and antipathy towards OPEC.

He warned that a repetition of the events of 1986 would not only have devastating effects on OPEC and other oil producing developing countries, but also on the economies of the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and China, not to mention the world economy and trade and the international banking and financial system.

The secretary-general said that the day-to-day fluctuations in oil prices over a period of a few weeks or a few months should not distract attention from the long-term evolution of oil demand, supply and price.

Kuwait chamber calls for free trade zone

KUWAIT, Oct 14, (Reuters). Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce has urged the government to cut port costs, simplify customs procedures and study setting up a free trade zone.

The chamber's magazine warned in an editorial that unless such changes were made Kuwait was in danger of missing out on a boom in regional trade. Forecast by officials after the end of the Iran-Iraq war. A ceasefire in the war came into effect on August 20.

The war devastated Kuwait's once-lucrative re-export sector. The magazine said other Arab countries recently established 16 free trade zones and three more were planned in the Gulf.

Kuwait had taken no action since such a zone was first recommended by a government-ordered study in 1961, it added.

It called on the government immediately to simplify customs rules and procedures and cut the cost of unloading and storage while studying the feasibility of the proposed free trade zone.

Iraq, Morocco to set up joint projects

BAGHDAD, Oct 14, (OPECNA). Iraq and Morocco will set up joint projects as part of a drive to develop bilateral industrial co-operation, particularly in mining, oil and energy.

This is envisaged under an agreement signed on Thursday by the two countries in Rabat, Morocco, on economic, trade and technical co-operation during 1989.

The accord, concluded at the end of the 5th session of the joint Iraqi-Moroccan committee, also provides for expanding economic and technical relations and diversifying commodity exchange.

The accord was signed by Iraqi Minister of Trade Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and Moroccan Minister of Commerce and Industry Abdallah Azmani.

Integration of industry vital for market stability

OPEC to continue to influence oil prices: Herrington

LONDON, Oct 14, (Agencies). OPEC countries would continue to influence the oil price as petroleum would remain a critical element in the world energy equation, US Energy Secretary John Herrington said here today.

Herrington said America and its allies have sufficient strategic fuel reserves to prevent OPEC from using oil as political weapon.

"The possibility of a supply interruption still exists, of course, but these strategic reserves largely negate the use of oil as a political or economic weapon," Herrington said at a conference of world oilmen sponsored by the International Herald Tribune and the Oil Daily.

When the Yom Kippur war between Israel and Arabs broke out in October 1973 the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced

an oil embargo against the United States, causing crippling shortages of gasoline and heating oil.

Herrington said the incident could not be repeated today because the United States and its Western allies have stockpiled strategic fuels.

In addition, he cited the diversification of energy sources and said the use of non-oil fuels had increased by more than 26 million barrels of oil a day over the past 10 years.

"The United States has proven that it can conduct successful convoy operations through the Arabian Gulf, and major oil pipelines in the Gulf region now provide ready transportation alternatives to passage through the Strait of Hormuz," Herrington said.

He also said OPEC policies "had not well served" the West and many businessmen had suffered from unprofitable invest-

ments in response to "misleading" price signals from the organisation.

The price collapse of 1986 has severely tested the infrastructure of the oil industry. Today, rig counts remain significantly below pre-1986 levels, industry unemployment remains high, and production has not rebounded.

The two-day conference in London - prior to a key OPEC meeting in Madrid on Oct 20 to discuss pricing and long-term strategy - on Thursday heard the OPEC Secretary-General Subroto say prospects for stability on the world oil market would be bleak if Western producers and consumers continued to show "indifference and antipathy" toward OPEC.

Herrington, who offered no direct reply to Subroto's call for increased communication said, "we continue to believe that a satisfactory solution can only be

achieved by continued reliance on free-market policies. There are indications that key members in OPEC are beginning to agree with us."

John Lichtblau, president of the New York-based Petroleum Industry Research Foundation said another drop in prices would likely hurt the US oil producing industry and probably Canadian and several other relatively high cost producers.

He said given the prevailing "maximum uncertainty" in the oil world, it is too early to speculate on the theme of the London conference - the search for oil and money stability in the 1990s.

Juan Chacin Guzman, president of Petrobras de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state oil company said that the integration of the international oil industry is a vital and central element in the quest for market stability.

BADEA to give \$14m in fresh African loans

KHARTOUM, Oct 14, (OPECNA). The board of directors of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) ended a meeting here yesterday with the approval of two loans worth \$14 million for projects in Africa.

The first loan, of \$10 million will be extended to finance a feeder road scheme in Madagascar. Repayable in 17 years, the credit includes a five-year grace period and carries an annual interest rate of four per cent.

A \$4 million loan to Benin will help finance a village and pastoral water supply project. The loan comes at an annual interest rate of four per cent and is repayable in 18 years, including a four-year grace period.

The two loans bring BADEA's total commitments to non-Arab African countries since 1975 to \$857 million.

Industrialisation affects GCC exports

SEVERAL developments during the last few years have adversely affected the nature of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) exports in the region, a report issued by the Bahrain-based Gulf International Bank (GIB) said.

Industrialisation of member states has tilted the balance between the demand for capital commodities and consumer products. Exports to the GCC countries have dropped. The decline corresponds with the completion of infrastructural projects in the region, the report added.

Increased industrialisation has created a demand for spare parts in the region to maintain existing industrial equipment.

On the economic scene, the increase in oil prices in 1987 to \$18 per barrel resulted in \$52 billion in GCC exports revenue, compared to \$45 billion in 1986. Imports of member states

increased to about \$35.5 billion compared to about \$34.2 billion in 1986, the report said.

In 1987, revenue from GCC exports reached \$52 billion, compared to \$45 billion in 1986.

Saudi Arabia's and Kuwait's oil output was reduced at 16 per cent and 9 per cent respectively in 1987, according to the report.

The service budget recorded a significant increase during the year 1986-87. It amounted to about \$17.4 billion, despite a reduction in the balance of trade of GCC countries.

While the report ruled out any expansion in the budget deficits of member states, it recommended that member states do their utmost to minimise the deficit of their respective budgets.

The report also called on GCC states to take the reduction in yields of foreign investments into consideration while formulating their budgets.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 14, (Reuters). Shares closed stronger as investors turned their attention to industrial stocks. The All-Ordinary index rose 10.1 points to 1,550.8.

TOKYO: Share prices closed slightly higher after fluctuating all day in dull trade with investors squaring positions ahead of the weekend. The Nikkei index firmed 32.7 points to close at 27,306.57.

BOMBAY: Prices closed mixed with end-of-account considerations affecting the market.

PARIS: Prices extended their gains as investors shrugged off worries about the US trade figures and followed Wall Street higher. The 50-share bourse indicator was up by 0.44 per cent.

LONDON: Prices firmed in late trading on buying ahead of Monday's new two-week trading account. The FTSE 100-share index rose 8.8 to 1,839.5.

NEW YORK: Stocks showed broad gains and were holding steady. One analyst said there was little selling pressure. The Dow was up 12 at 2,146.

Sheikh Ali winds up visit

TUNIS, Oct 14, (KUNA). Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa today left here concluding an official 24-hour visit that was aimed at boosting industrial investment between Tunisia and Kuwait.

In a pre-departure statement Sheikh Ali said his talks with Tunisian officials touched on the existing relations and the joint industrial ventures. He added talks will resume in the near future.

Sheikh Ali said Kuwait's joint ventures in the petrochemical field with Tunisia, China and Turkey will be finalised in the near future.

Reuter adds: Kuwait and Abu Dhabi have substantial stakes in Tunisia's Groupe Chimique, a group of companies producing fertiliser from Tunisian phosphates.

The Tunisian government has had to cover the group's recurrent deficits and at a ministerial meeting on the subject last month it looked at a plan to consolidate the group's capital and restructure its long-term debts.

The minister declined to answer reporters' questions on the oil markets and the overproduction crisis in OPEC.

UAE team to discuss investment in China

ABU DHABI, Oct 14, (Reuters). A trade delegation from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will discuss joint investment ventures during an 11-day visit to China starting on Saturday, officials said.

They said the team, headed by the deputy chairman of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce, Hassan Abdullah Al Nouman, would also visit Hong Kong.

By Prabhu S. Gupta

Revisiting the highways and byways of the 'Raj'

AFTER the end of the Raj, Britain regarded its erstwhile empire with nervous embarrassment until a new generation of Britons, on hippie travels, were surprised by its legacy in countries round the world. With this generation, the word "empire" became shorn of personal significance, freed of any twinges of conscience. From the late Seventies, as Michael Edwardes points out in *The Sahib and the Lotus*, there has been nostalgia — not for the Raj in particular, but for the British Empire (as a whole) and for the loss of world power that was the inevitable consequence of de-colonization.

We are, perhaps, still not far enough away to look back at the Raj with complete impartiality, but four decades do provide distance enough for an interim assessment of those who made and sustained the Raj.

That is what Edwardes attempts in this elegant, variegated, and kaleidoscopic patchwork, exploring the highways and byways of the Raj to select and offer what is in many ways the most interesting information for us today: the minutiae of empire, details of the way in which memsahibs, diplomats, mercenaries, traders, and civil servants lived and worked in British India.

Zenana

There was, for example, King Collins, who, in his capacity as Resident at the court of the Maharaja Sindia, always travelled with his complete zenana, and a private brigade of artillery — the sole purpose of its existence being to fire salutes to him. Henry Russell, Resident at the court of Hyderabad, bled the kingdom for taxes until the population rebelled; then sent in a British military force — at the Nizam's expense. Soon after this, Russell turned the kingdom over to the banking house of William Palmer & Co, who became the effective rulers of Hyderabad, not infrequently besieging villages for payment of taxes.

Colonel Skinner, son of a Scot father, once a Rajput mother, and in the employ of a Maratha prince, later joined

Going native: British colonialists enjoy a cockfight in Lucknow, India.

the British and was rewarded with a valuable estate and the Order of the Bath. He never learnt much English, and wrote his memoirs in Persian, the courtly language of Mughal India. He built what later served as Delhi's cathedral, until it was superseded by Lutyens's magnificent building in the centre of New Delhi. However, Skinner also built a mosque for the use of his family, who apparently remained Muslims.

Such people, colourful as they are, represent the exceptions. The life of the British soldier in India, for example, was unutterably dull: apart from an hour's drill, he did not seem to have anything to do except sleep and eat. The average age for a soldier in Britain was 39½; in India, hardly 18. This was not due to the various battles so celebrated in the myths of British India: of all the men sent to India in the two-and-a-half centuries up to and including the Mutiny, 9,467

died, but only 586 were actually killed in action: the rest succumbed to disease and the effects of an inappropriate lifestyle under a tropic sun.

Result

As a result, British India was very much a young man's world: Metcalfe, when appointed Resident at Delhi, was only 26; his brother, who was President of the Civil Court, was in his early twenties; the head of the criminal court was even younger.

Edwardes builds up an entertaining and moving picture of the progress of empire, every scene filled with details hand-picked from a thousand books — though his acuity weakens at particular points as he approaches this century.

Take his view of intercommunal violence in India "remained essentially unchanged". This violence was, in fact, a relatively recent result of two factors: Hindu revivalism (paradoxically spawned by British rule) which grew upon

the Indian nationalist movement; and Britain's divide and rule policy which deliberately manipulated and increased the gap between these two communities, for example by choosing Hindus, as top officials in Muslim states, and vice versa.

Looking back, Edwardes ruefully considers Indian words in English, which still retain their virility in common speech, one of the few permanent legacies of the British connection with India. He seems to forget the legacy of the 800,000 or so "Indian" immigrants now in Britain, but he would probably argue that that particular phenomenon is beyond the historical scope of his work.

What he has given to us is a work of magisterial authority and enormous readability, a tapestry rich in detail, a continuous barrage of surprise. *The Sahib and the Lotus: The British in India by Michael Edwardes (Constable, £14.95)*

Selling Suharto, Siva and Stallone

By Gail Pool

WHEN Pico Iyer travelled through Asia in 1985, he found Madonna was a familiar name in Bali, baseball was an obsession in Japan, and Rambo had conquered the continent from China to Indonesia, where street vendors sold posters of "no one but the nation's three leading deities: President Suharto, Siva and Stallone."

However America's balance of trade may have slipped in recent years, its exports in pop culture — especially to Third World countries — do not seem to have diminished. If anything, Iyer suggests, America's cultural takeover has been intensified by an increase in tourism and by the speed and portability of the "latest weapons of cultural warfare" — videos, cassettes and computer disks.

In *Video Night in Kathmandu*, Iyer explores the Western cultural presence in the East and the ways in which Asian countries have responded. This collection of essays, each about a single country, is based on the young journalist's four journeys and seven months in Asia. Some explore a country in terms of tourism; some look at the vestiges of empire; some examine an Asian culture through "one specific

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aspect of the way they adopt, and adapt to, Western influences, and make them distinctively their own." All reflect Iyer's efforts to make sense of what he saw.

His theme is provocative and timely. On the tourist trail, he is a sharp observer, writes a snappy prose, and can be suitably sardonic or reflective.

"Within minutes of landing in Kathmandu, I found myself in Eden. The Hotel Eden, that is not to be confused with the Paradise Restaurant around the corner or the Hotel Shangri-La." In Nepal, he finds Indian, Chinese, Continental, German, American, and Mexican food. But nothing Nepalese.

Yet even in Bali, "a Paradise traduced by many tourists" for decades, he perceives a mysterious native undercurrent that survives. Tibet, he finds — that "most esoteric of hideaways" — fast being turned into the latest way station of the Denim Route — still casts its inspirational spell, even over

the hipsters and "professional drifters" now arriving.

Leaving the tourist trail, Iyer explores "cross-cultural crossroads" in three formerly colonial areas: fast-paced Hong Kong, the "ex-pat" city, which appears to be New York "undiluted" by culture; isolated Burma, "the dotty eccentric of Asia," which he compares to a "sepia-coloured daguerreotype of the Raj"; and the Philippines, a bizarre and poignant mix of song and squalor.

Vivid

His piece on the Philippines explores the US legacy in terms of the island nation's highly professional music. The Philippines, he finds, is a land of troubadours, but all devote their talent to impersonations, mainly of American singers — an eerie kind of ventriloquism. "Iyer feels pop song values permeate the country, shaping Filipinos' attitudes toward life."

As cultural impressions, these essays are vivid. But as

interpretations, they are neither penetrating nor persuasive. Iyer's essay on tourism and the skin trade in Thailand seems opaque divorced from an understanding of traditional Thai concepts of morality and love. The description of baseball in Japan — fascinating as description — seems unenlightened without an understanding of traditional Japanese concepts of work and play, perfectionism and the expression of emotion. The Philippines may be devoted to music, but to conclude that they have "the openness and hopefulness — the happy innocence — to believe that rock 'n' roll" is all they need "to change the world" seems simplistic.

Iyer is an intelligent observer. But there is only so far that observation can go. His essays raise pertinent questions about the way cultures "adopt" — and adapt to — the customs of other cultures. But to expect to find the answers without fully understanding both culture is to fall in to one of the pitfalls of the video age: mistaking the image for the real thing.

Video Night in Kathmandu and Other Reports from the Not-So-Far East, by Pico Iyer. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 376 pp. \$19.95.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

Making millions in the name of the Lord

By Brian Dooley

JIM and Tammy Bakker learned very early on there was money to be made from religion. As newly weds they sold all their belongings to follow a missionary who saved souls in South America.

He was a fake, and the young couple were forced on to the evangelical circuit to make a living. The Bakkers became masters of the game, got their own television show and soon were worth millions.

By assuring viewers the Lord wanted them all to be wealthy and successful and that if Jesus were here today he would travel first-class, the Bakkers appealed to low-class whites on their way up the social ladder.

They soon became heroes, says Barnhart, of a new "folk theology" which declared that money was not the root of all guilt, nor material sacrifice the way to heaven.

People were only too ready to send in donations as proof of their faith in Jim and Tammy's work. "You get what you ask for," said Jim. "If you ask for \$15 a month, you'll get \$15 a month. If you ask for \$1,000, you'll get \$1,000."

One trusting member of the flock who sent the Bakkers \$15 a month was a church secretary from Long Island called Jessica Hahn.

It was Hahn who first

exposed Jim's dishonesty, not in financial matters (although she was paid \$265,000 by his evangelical organisation in "emotional compensation"), but for sexual infidelity. While he was warning others about the sins of the flesh, Hahn claims Bakker raped her.

Scandal

The scandal, which rocked America last year, was followed by fellow-preacher Jimmy Swaggart's admission that he had visited a prostitute several times to watch her "perform pornographic acts."

These revelations, together with several investigations into dodgy faith healers, threatened to blow the lid off televangelism for good. It certainly destroyed any chance preacher Pat Robertson had in the Republican primary elections, and many were predicting the end of the new fundamentalism.

Yet despite the public ridicule people like the Bakkers will go on collecting fortunes, says Barnhart, because they have tapped into the something traditional denominations haven't yet grasped.

"Viewers are attracted to an individual who entertains and inspires...evangelical TV preachers will continue to use the devices necessary to implement a binding relationship between viewer and television minister," he says.



Tammy Bakker: turning religion into soap opera

The secret to good television religion, it seems, is in putting on a proper show. The Bakkers series, and other like it, are soap operas in their own right. Preachers gradually introduce members of their families into the programmes to give the scripts a full cast, and as long as some of the ministers are sincere, people will keep sending in their money. (Billy Graham's

credibility remains intact, for instance, despite several investigations).

For all their ridiculous and outdated values, televangelists understand the new technology of the satellite dish, and can still reach the parts other religions cannot reach.

Jim and Tammy, by J. Barnhart (Prometheus, £13.95).

Incomplete Who's Who of scientists

By Robin Johnston

The Great Scientists is a museum-in-a-book — the reader gets almost as much out of the visual aspects of these 12 biographies as the literary. And browsing is not prohibited. This encyclopaedic-style volume, written for high-schoolers and laymen of any age, attempts to put the history of science in a "broader cultural context."

Jack Meadows starts with Aristotle and ends with Einstein; the 12 scientists selected cover a range of disciplines. Some "chose themselves": Galileo, Newton, Darwin. Others were included because they made it possible for those who followed to ask better questions.

The book includes only scientists from the West. Conspicuously missing is a representative of early Asian or Middle Eastern science. The Muslim Al Biruni would have made a nice addition; he and other Arab scientists were modifying Ptolemy's cartography in the Middle Ages while their European counterparts were spinning their wheels in the dogmatic mud.

The structured presentation of information enables "The Great Scientists" to fold its many ingredients into a volume only an inch thick. Each page is a panorama. We are there among the instruments, confidants, and symbols important to a Marie Curie, or a William

Harvey. One layout in the life of Galileo displays two 17th-century engravings of the earth and sun-centred solar systems, photos of Galileo's telescopes, and part of a letter in which the astronomer explained his method of measuring the heights of moon mountains. And this is only the top half of the spread.

In each chapter there's a time line plus four boxed "features" covering the interaction of science with the technologies, institutions of learning, cul-

ture, and politics and religions of the day. Oddly, because the main text of each chapter is highly condensed, short articles carry some of the richest material. One feature on Freud discusses mesmerism and phrenology. Using criteria proposed by philosopher of science Karl Popper, the discussion explores the distinction between science and pseudoscience.

The book ranges widely. Literature comes up. One spread traces the influence of Charles Darwin on the

literature of his day; Thomas Hardy, Samuel Butler, and George Eliot were all fascinated with evolution's more and philosophical implications.

Politics is not ignored. In a feature in the Einstein section, we learn how followers of communist and Nazi ideology distorted science — this, in sharp contrast to the common notion of science as sheltered from the winds of ideology.

Often, the human-interest approach taken in "The Great Scientists" catches some revolutionary figure unawares. Isaac Newton wrote the "Principia." Unlike the humanities, a thorough grasp of the natural sciences can be gained without studying the original sources. The "Principia" is unlikely to be on many high school or college reading lists, as would, say, Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter."

The study of science should include the history of science. Some of the fortunate mistakes made by scientists are not attributed by the name of some surviving law or theory. Newton's erroneous opinion that all lens telescopes would produce color-blurred images led him to invent a telescope that uses a mirror instead to collect light — a superior method.

Although the scientific explanations are thin in places, "The Great Scientists" shows science as a process, not just a body of knowledge. Organisation and bounty make it a useful reference work.

The Great Scientists, by Jack Meadows. New York: Oxford University Press. 248 pp. \$35. 1988. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Prime time filth from Collins

By Barbara Cartland

NOEL COWARD said before he died: "There are no more stars. Actresses when they leave the theatre, put on their 'mats and wellies', get on to their bicycles, and go back to Tooting."

Today he would acknowledge there is one unmistakable world shattering star — Joan Collins.

Millions of women watch the nonsensical, tangled web of sex among the so-called upper classes in *Dynasty*, just to see Joan Collins.

It is lust in dinner-jackets, but her face at 50 is a remarkable phenomenon.

Now she has written her first novel *Prime Time*. But what does she write? — FILTH.

Barbara Cartland expresses moral outrage at Joan Collins' attempt at literature

Every action of human sex is portrayed, mouthed over and minutely described.

Every perversion and abnormal obsession is related in detail.

Her characters with their lewd antics, of course use lewd and disgusting language — like the worst and cheapest made videos from the United States.

Joan Collins, determined to go 'worse' than her sister Jackie, has scraped the bottom of the gutters with both hands for this book and wallowed in the cesspools.

She is, in fact, out of date. The Permissive Era is coming to an end, people are sick of pornography and The Prince of Wales has denounced violence. Leaders in Britain and America — the countries which have made Joan Collins famous — are pleading for a return to morality.

If Joan Collins had helped this campaign she would, with the aura of her stardom, have been able to do an immense amount of good.

It seems to me incredible that, when she already has millions, she is prepared, by this dirty, evil book, to risk destroying the innocent purity of young girls who idolise her.

She will also shock and disturb the women of her own age who try to emulate her appearance.



Joan Collins: scraping the bottom of the gutter

Every position in life has its responsibilities. Joan Collins has the opportunity to give the world beauty, hope, compassion and, of course, love.

Instead she just handed us a sewer.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

'FALSE GOUT' IS A JOINT DISEASE

QUESTION: Have you ever come across a condition that resembles gout, but isn't and is called "false gout"? How would such a condition be treated and is it very dangerous?

ANSWER: Yes, there is a condition: sometimes known as pseudogout or false gout. Actually it's a joint disease that may show itself in many ways, frequently with painful attacks that very much resemble those of gout. It's also known in medical circles as "chondrocalcinosis" which can be translated as "calcifications in the joint cartilage."

Actually these deposits may be seen on X-ray and help make the diagnosis. The calcifications are composed of the substance CPPD (calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate), and crystals of this chemical may be contained in the fluid that lubricate the joints (synovial fluid).

The cause of the condition is unknown, affecting both sexes about equally and generally coming on late in life. When acute attacks occur, they may be treated with colchicine, a medication which is also effective in treating gout. When there is joint swelling during the attack, the liquid should

be drained, by tapping the knee with a hypodermic syringe and needle, and then injecting corticosteroid (cortisone-like medication) back into the joint to help reduce the inflammation. Oral medications, such as indomethacin, are also helpful in treating this painful condition, and the outlook for the patient usually is excellent.

QUESTION: Can you explain peritonitis to me? How do you catch it, and more important, how do you get rid of it?

ANSWER: First, a definition or two. Peritonitis is an inflammation of the tissues that line the abdominal cavity, and which cover most of the organs, like the intestines, which are found there. Although the inflammation can be caused by chemical irritation or by traumatic irritation, the most common cause is in infection, caused by either E. coli, or streptococcus faecalis, although other infections can and do occur.

You may "catch" it in a number of ways. It can result as a complication of an operation, when bacteria escape from inside the intestine, where the ends of sections of the intestine have been sewn back together after the removal of a section containing cancer,

for example. If any organ of the abdomen or pelvic cavity has become infected, forming an abscess, the rupture of the abscess may spread the infecting bacteria over the peritoneal tissue causing acute peritonitis. This occurs frequently in PID (pelvic inflammatory disease).

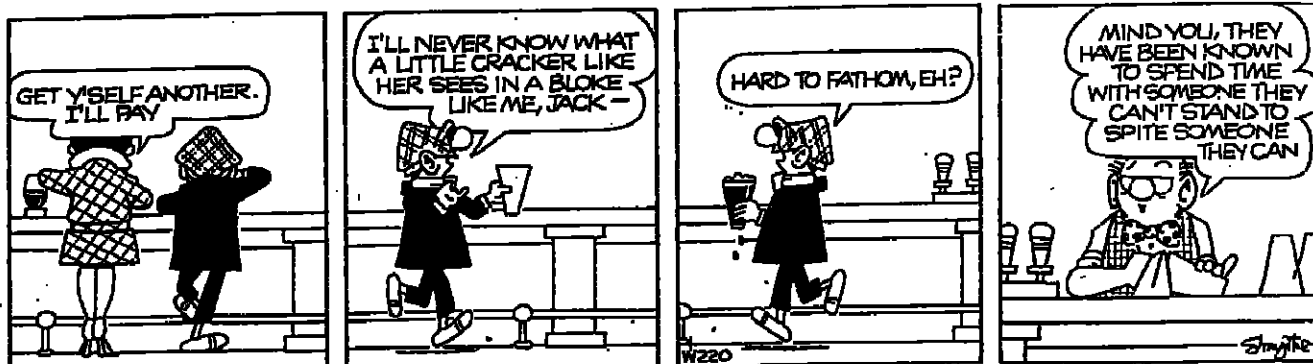
Another, more obvious, case may be that of a penetrating wound of the abdomen, such as in a stabbing, or automobile accident. The treatment requires the elimination of all infecting organisms, which sometimes may necessitate surgery to remove the source of the infection. Removing a ruptured appendix is a good example.

The mainstay of all treatment, however, is the effective use of antibiotics, usually given intravenously in high dosages, to assure the complete eradication of the bacteria. It may require more than one type of antibiotic, and the choice will depend upon the type of bacteria that's the culprit, for peritonitis is a serious condition which requires intensive treatment. Fortunately, there are many potent antibiotics available which means that the chances for the patient are excellent.

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RUSH SCORES FIRST GOAL OF SEASON

Liverpool tame Walsall in Cup

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): Ian Rush on Wednesday scored his first goal since rejoining Liverpool from Italian First Division soccer club Juventus as the English First Division champions won 3-1 at Walsall in a League Cup second-round second-leg tie.

Rush struck after 72 minutes with a right-foot shot on the turn to end his run of 10 games without a goal. Liverpool's other goals came from John Barnes and a Jan Molby penalty as they cruised to a 4-1 aggregate triumph.

Nottingham Forest were also in good form, winning 4-0 at Chester with Tommy Gaynor hitting a hat-trick and Gary Crosby scoring the other to secure a 10-0 win over two legs.

Rivals Scottish international Brian McClair also hit a hat-trick as Manchester United crushed Rotherham 5-0 for an overall 6-0 win. England captain Bryan Robson and central defender Steve Bruce scored the other goals.

Aston Villa enjoyed a high-scoring victory over the local Second Division rivals Birmingham. They beat them 5-0 for a 7-0 aggregate. Derek Mountfield, Kevin Gage (2), Ian Olney and Tony Daley scored.

Arsenal, beaten finalists last season, beat Hull 3-0 with striker Alan Smith scoring twice to take his tally for the season to 11. Arsenal finished 5-1 winners on aggregate.

The surprise of the night came at Fourth Division Scarborough

where Second Division Portsmouth were beaten 3-1 and went down 5-3 on aggregate.

First Division Newcastle, managerless since dismissing Willie McFaul on Monday, were also eliminated despite beating Second Division Sheffield United 2-0 in their second leg tie with goals from John Hendrie and Brazilian international Mirandinha.

Sheffield won the first leg 3-0 and took their place in the third round with a 3-2 aggregate victory.

The match ended amid ugly scenes as several hundred Newcastle fans staged a demonstration against the board of directors. Bottles were thrown and the crowd had to be dispersed by police on horseback.

Yesterday Liverpool, the favourites, were drawn to meet in-form Arsenal in the outstanding tie of the third round.

It is a repeat of the 1987 League Cup final when Arsenal, in manager George Graham's first season, beat the Merseysiders 2-1 thanks to two goals from Charlie Nicholas.

Arsenal also reached the final this year, when they lost a thrilling match 3-2 to Luton, but will hardly be relishing the trip to Anfield, despite Liverpool's patchy form this season.

The match is one of six all First Division ties in a draw which presents the lower division clubs with a fine opportunity to make further progress.

Football Association (FA) Cup holders Wimbledon will be at home to Manchester United, a



Ian Rush

tie which will be relished by Wimbledon striker Terry Gibson, who had an unhappy 18 months at Old Trafford before his club record move to the Londoners.

Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest will be at home to Coventry, third in the First Division and boasting a 100 per cent away record this season.

At Villa Park, two newly promoted sides, Aston Villa and Millwall, will repeat their clash on the opening day of the League season which ended in a 2-2 draw.

The other all First Division ties are Queens Park Rangers versus Charlton and West Ham against Derby.

Holders Luton face a tricky away trip to Leeds, who are under the new management of Howard Wilkinson, while League leaders Norwich also visit a Second Division side — Leicester.

Fourth Division Tranmere, who knocked out First Division Middlesbrough in the second round, have been drawn at home to Third Division Blackpool who also disposed of First Division opposition in the shape of Sheffield Wednesday.

The ties will be played in the week beginning October 31.

Meanwhile, England's World Cup soccer qualifier at home to Sweden next Wednesday has decimated tomorrow's domestic League programme.

Only three of the 10 fixtures remain but two of the top three clubs, Millwall and Coventry, play each other.

The biggest crowd of the day would have been in the northeast for the clash between local rivals Newcastle and Middlesbrough.

But Middlesbrough defender Gary Pallister has been named for the England squad and that match has also been postponed.

Second-placed Millwall are certain to be without captain Les Briley and winger George Lawrence at Coventry.

Briley is still struggling with knee ligament problems and the injury-plagued Lawrence has hamstring trouble. Both men missed the midweek League Cup victory over Gillingham, and manager John Docherty seems likely to stick with his winning side.

In other matches Charlton are at home to Aston Villa while Sheffield Wednesday entertain Wimbledon.

In Scotland there are no Premier League games at all because Scotland are also in World Cup action on Wednesday, at home to Yugoslavia.

Results English Football League Cup second round, second leg (Aggregate scores in brackets):

Arsenal	3	Hull	0	(5-1)
Aston Villa	5	Birmingham	0	(7-0)
Chelsea	2	Scunthorpe	2	(3-6)
Chester	0	Notts Forest	4	(0-10)
Leeds	3	Peterborough	1	(5-2)
Manchester U	5	Rotherham	0	(6-0)
Newcastle	2	Sheff U	0	(2-3)
Plymouth	3	Manchester C	6	(3-7)
Scarbrough	3	Portsmouth	1	(5-3)
Walsall	1	Liverpool	3	(1-4)
West Ham	2	Sunderland	1	(5-1)
Wimbledon	0	Barnsley	1	(2-1)
Bradford	2	Reading	1	(3-2)
Brentford	4	Blackburn	3	(5-6)
Crystal P	2	Swindon	0	(4-1)
Sheff Wed	3	Blackpool	1	(3-3)
Blackpool won on away goals.				

Scottish Premier Division			
Celtic	1	Dundee U	0
Dundee	1	Motherwell	1
Hibernian	0	Rangers	1
St Mirren	1	Aberdeen	1

Draw

Draw yesterday for the English League Cup soccer third round to be played in the week beginning October 31: Manchester City v Sheffield United; Nottingham Forest v Coventry City; Queens Park Rangers v Charlton; West Ham v Derby County; Bristol City v Crystal Palace; Wimbledon v Manchester United; Leicester City v Norwich City; Bradford City v Scunthorpe; Aston Villa v Millwall; Ipswich v Leyton Orient; Scarbrough v Southampton; Everton v Oldham; Tranmere Rovers v Blackpool; Liverpool v Arsenal; Tottenham v Blackburn Rovers; Leeds United v Luton.

Argentina hold Spain to 1-1 draw in friendly



Maradona (left) tries to control the ball as Spain's Sanchis follows him closely. (Reuters wirephoto)

SEVILLE, Spain, Oct 14, (AP): Spain and Argentina, reigning world champion, drew 1-1 (1-1) in an exhibition soccer match before 50,000 fans at Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium on Wednesday night.

Seven minutes after the kick off, Real Madrid's striker Emilio Butragueno shot from 12 metres on an assist from defender Manuel Sanchis to make it 1-0 for Spain.

Butragueno scored in the 14th, in a melee in the Argentine goal area but Italian referee Carlos Longhi disallowed it because Butragueno was offside.

Argentina then reacted and applied pressure and the match saw two good actions by Diego Armando Maradona, star player for Napoli of Italy.

In the 18th Maradona sent a hard shot which went over the horizontal bar.

Soon after, in the 21st, Maradona also had a goal

chance. He dribbled past goalie Andoni Zubizarreta and shot in a difficult position. But defender Genaro Andrinua kicked away the ball on the very goal line.

Butragueno hit a post in the 39th following a fast Spanish attack.

Argentina continued to press and it paid off two minutes before the end of the first half. Claudio Caniggia equalized with a shot from 15 metres after receiving an assist from Pedro Troglio, Caniggia's teammate in Verona of Italy.

After the rest period, the two teams slowed their pace but they continued to show good play.

The 46th minute saw a shot from Roberto Martinez which went wide grazing the left post.

Maradona was replaced by Carlos D. Tapia in the 74th and in the 76th Gustavo Dezotti substituted for Claudio Caniggia. Earlier, in the 56th, Julio Olarticochea replaced Nestor Fabri in the Argentine squad.

Brazil outlast Belgium

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct 14, (Reuters): Two first-half goals by Geovani led Brazil to a 2-1 victory over Belgium in an international soccer friendly match on Wednesday.

Skipper Geovani opened the scoring after 24 minutes as he surprised Belgian goalkeeper Michel Preud'Homme with a devastating free kick that skimmed in off a post.

Joao Paulo ripped the Belgian defence open again seven minutes later when he was brought down by defender Georges Grun in the penalty area. Geovani con-

verted the penalty.

The South Americans provided the more imaginative openings in the first half with fast and accurate combination play, but Belgian coach Guy Thys reshuffled his side at the interval and the changes paid off.

Sweeper Leo Clijsters headed a low corner past Brazilian goalkeeper Taffarel in the 64th minute to pull the score back to 2-1, but strikers Luc Nilis and Francis Severeyns squandered clear chances to net the equaliser.

Juventus sail into 2nd round

TURIN, Italy, Oct 14, (AP): Juventus of Turin trounced Otelul of Romania 5-0 Wednesday night in their return-match of the UEFA Soccer Cup and qualified for the second-round in which it will play Athletic Bilbao.

The Italian Major League team, which led 3-0 at half-time of the first-round game, advanced on a 5-1 aggregate score. It recovered at ease from a 0-1 first-leg upset suffered in Romania.

Newly-hired Portuguese forward Rui Barros, one of the best players in the match at Turin's Municipal stadium, tallied twice in the 29th and 71st minute.

Defender Luigi de Agostini opened the score in the 17th, with a powerful shot from 15 metres.

The second goal came in the 26th when a shot by Danish forward Michael Laudrup was diverted into his own net by Otelul's defender Agiu.

Watched Veteran Italian international star Alessandro Altobelli tallied with a precise header in the 49th. About 25,000 fans watched the match in a rainy, cold night.

The home team could not field its Soviet star Alexandr Zavarov who signed Juventus at mid-August and can't be fielded in European Cups until next March.

Zavarov, the first Soviet player ever to join an Italian club, led Juventus to a clearcut 3-0 victory against Como in the opening round of the Italian Championship last Sunday.

It was a successful debut on the European scene for Dino Zoff, the new manager of Juventus and a former goalie of the Italian national team.

Santana to be Flamengo's head coach

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 14, (Reuters): Tele Santana, twice in charge of Brazil's World Cup soccer squad, is to sign as head coach of Flamengo on Monday for a record-breaking salary, club officials said yesterday.

They said they hoped the highly-respected Santana would revive Flamengo's ailing fortunes in this season's Brazilian League Championship. He is taking over from Candido Sotelo Mayor, who has accepted a post in Saudi Arabia.

Privilege

Santana, currently coaching Belo Horizonte's Atletico Mineiro, will receive a monthly salary of four million cruzados (\$10,000) for a 15-month contract. It will be the biggest salary every paid to anyone, player or coach, in Brazilian soccer.

"Any team in Brazil would like to have the privilege of having Tele Santana as its coach," said Flamengo striker Zico in a television interview.

Promoters aim to keep title fight in Britain

LONDON, Oct 14, (AP): British boxing promoters Mickey Duff and Jarvis Astaire flew to New York yesterday determined to keep the Mike Tyson-Frank Bruno heavyweight championship fight in Britain.

Reports out of New York suggest that Tyson wants to defend his title in the United States, but Duff and Astaire say they have a contract to stage it at Wembley stadium, the home of English soccer.

A Dec 17 date has been pencilled in for the on-off-on contest which has been postponed three times because of problems surrounding the champion.

First Tyson broke his hand in a street brawl with fellow fighter Mitch Green. Then he knocked himself out when his car crashed into a tree. Finally his marriage began to break up and he wound up seeking psychiatric advice.

Tyson was reported to have said that, because of his recent problems, he did not want to travel to London to defend his title.

Astaire, who is co-owner of Wembley stadium, countered: "He should have thought about all that before."

Before leaving for New York, Astaire said he would fight any moves to switch the fight to the other side of the Atlantic.

"As far as we are concerned, we have a contract that says the fight will be held at Wembley stadium. The previous cancellations have already been extremely costly," Astaire said.

Wembley is an open air stadium and Astaire said plans had been drawn up to erect a temporary cover over a section of the exposed soccer field to protect the ring and spectators from adverse weather.

Ellis demolishes Harkin

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct 14, (AP): Australian boxer Lester Ellis retained his Commonwealth light welterweight title here yesterday with a spectacular fourth round knockout win over Scotland's Bobby Harkin.

The fight began as a torrid encounter with both fighters holding their own until the fourth round when the 23-year-old Australian unleashed his vicious left hook to knock Harkin down twice.

The 26-year-old Scot took the compulsory eight count after each knockdown before referee Malcolm Bulner stepped in to stop the fight two minutes and 40 seconds into the fourth round. Up to that stage the Glas-

Dodgers capable of springing a surprise

Athletics chase first World Series win

NEW YORK, Oct 14, (Reuters): Oakland Athletics will be bidding to add their first World Series title since 1974 to the American League Championship when they meet the Los Angeles Dodgers in this year's series starting in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Oakland, who cruised through the regular season and beat the Boston Red Sox in four consecutive games to win the League pennant, have a stronger and more experienced team and are 2-1 favourites for the top prize in Major League baseball.

But the Dodgers, as famed for their Hollywood film star supporters as their baseball, proved they are capable of springing a surprise when they unexpectedly triumphed over the New York Mets earlier this week in their National League Championship Series. Dodgers won their last match 6-0 on Wednesday.

It is unlikely, however, that they will be able to raise themselves to such levels of intensity again against such talented opponents as Oakland who are

playing in their first World Series since the last of three consecutive titles in 1974.

Los Angeles' catcher Mike Scioscia virtually admitted as much when, after their victory over the Mets, he said: "We have Kirby Gibson for power and inspiration and the best pitcher in baseball, Orel Hershiser...the rest of us are role players who have come through when needed."

Oakland enjoyed 104 Major League victories in the regular season and have talented players in all areas. They are unlikely to fall prey to a Hollywood scripted finish.

In Jose Canseco Oakland have arguably the best player in baseball. Canseco is the only man in Major League history to steal 40 bases and hit 40 home runs in a season. He hit 42 in the regular season and three against the Red Sox.

The A's also have a home-run threat in first baseman Mark McGwire, an excellent fielder who hit 32 homers in the regular season and knocked in 99 runs.

Offensively, the Dodgers are much weaker than the Athletics. Their main strongmen are team leader Gibson, who hit .290 with 25 homers and 76 runs batted in, and Mike Marshall who hit 20 home runs and sent home 86 runners.

Gibson, who hit two clutch home runs against the Mets, may be absent, however, after damaging a hamstring.

The Athletics have an advantage in relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley, who had 45 saves in the season, just one short of the Major League record. He also picked up four saves in the playoff series in which he was named "Most Valuable Player."

Eckersley backs up a solid pitching staff. Dave Stewart, 20-12 in his second straight 20-win year — with a 3.20 earned run average (era) on the season, is slated to start the first game and is likely to be followed by Storm Davis, 16-6, 3.54 era.

Former Dodger Bob Welch, 16-9, 3.76 era, is expected to start the third game when the series moves to Oakland for games

three and four and, if necessary, game five.

Los Angeles will probably open the series with Tim Lincecum who beat the Mets twice and was 12-6 on the season.

Hershiser, probably the best pitcher in the majors (23-8, 2.26 era), is likely to start the second game. He set a Major League record for most consecutive scoreless innings at 59 this season.

Relief Left-hander John Tudor, hit by injuries this year, is the third Dodger starting pitcher. He was 10-8 on the season.

The Dodgers' ace relief pitcher is Jay Howell, but he has been out of action for a week through suspension for using pine tar to improve his grip of the ball against the Mets.

The Dodgers have the edge in experience in the dugout. Tommy Lasorda is in his 12th year and has guided them to four National League pennants and one World Series triumph, while Oakland's Tony La Russa will be managing in his first series.

Chang hangs up his gloves

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 14, (AP): World Boxing Council light flyweight champion Chang Jung-Koo of South Korea announced his retirement today for health reasons.

But the 25-year-old Chang said he may return to the ring after several months of rest.

Chang, who has defended his title a record 15 times, said he had to quit the ring because he thought he would not be able to meet a scheduled mandatory title defence with Isidoro Perez of Mexico in Seoul on Sunday.

Chang said he has been extremely nervous in recent months. He said he has problems getting to sleep, even with the help of sedatives.

Chang had already postponed a title bout with Perez twice and he faced disqualification if he failed to meet the top Mexican ranker on Sunday, said Chang's handler, Kukdong Promotion.

Chang began his professional career in 1980. He won the WBA title in 1983 from Hilario Zapata of Panama.

World bridge

VENICE, Italy, Oct 14, (Reuters): Greece ended the fifth day of the World Bridge Team Olympiad late yesterday leading the Group A qualifiers but only by a slender margin.

Greece beat the Virgin Islands 20-10 but the United States scored a fine 25-0 victory over Chile to tie just four points behind in second place.

Austria held onto third place, beating Israel 24-6. The day's best performance was by reigning champions Poland, who overcame Taiwan 25-1 and climbed into fourth place ahead of Venezuela.

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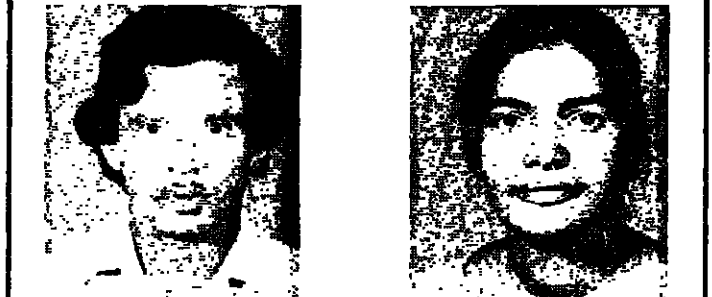
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SPORTS

Drug found in Christie's 100m sample

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): A member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission said today he had found traces of a banned stimulant in the urine sample taken from Briton Linford Christie after the Seoul 100 metres final.

Christie, promoted to the silver medal after Canadian winner Ben Johnson was disqualified for taking steroids, passed the dope test after the 100 metres final but his urine sample after the 200 final showed traces of the stimulant pseudoephedrine.

He was cleared of wrongdoing by the IOC medical commission who said although the banned substance was present "we did not consider it was an important level."

But medical commission member Professor Arnold Beckett said on British Independent Television today he had re-tested Christie's 100 metres urine sample and found it to contain traces of pseudoephedrine.

Stripped
"Christie is lucky to be given the benefit of the doubt and not be stripped of his medal," Beckett said.

Christie, who also won silver in the Olympic sprint relay, said: "The whole business is distressing."

British Amateur Athletic Board spokesman Tony Ward said: "We are appalled. Linford was tested and cleared three times in Seoul."

"Who authorised Professor Beckett to do a re-test and why did he appear on television to make these comments?"

Sri Lanka name side for Asia Cup

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Oct 14, (AP): Sri Lanka today announced a 14-member squad for the third Asia Cup cricket tournament to be held in Bangladesh later this month, a cricket official said.

The team will be led by Ranjan Madugalle, who earlier this year captained the side on a tour of England.

The Sri Lankan team which leaves for Dhaka on Oct 24 will be defending the Cup which they won in 1986 when the tournament was held in Colombo.

Starts
India, Pakistan and Bangladesh are the other countries participating in the tournament which starts on Oct 27. Sri Lankan selectors have included four medium pace bowlers and two spinners in the team. There are four specialist batsmen.

Following is the team list: Ranjan Madugalle (cap.), Arjuna Ranatunga (vice-cap.), Roshan Mahanama, Brendon Kuruppu, Atula Samarasekera, Aravinda de Silva, Duleep Mendis, Hashan Tillakaratne, Ravi Ratnayake, Graeme Labrooy, Chameera Ramanayake, Don Anurath, Ranjith Madurasinghe and Kapila Wijegunawardene.

Michael Tissera will be the manager.

QADIR TO BE MIANDAD'S DEPUTY IN SHARJAH TOURNAMENT

Pakistan hold on to overcome Australia

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct 14, (Reuters): Abdul Qadir survived an lbw appeal on the last delivery of the match with the totals level to give Pakistan victory by virtue of losing fewer wickets than Australia in today's one-day cricket international.

With the two sides level on 229 runs, leg-spinner Qadir played at the final delivery from paceman Tony Dodemaide. He missed and the ball rapped him on the pad.

Umpire Mohammad Aslam was unimpressed by the Australian appeals, and Pakistan had won by the narrowest of margins — losing only seven wickets to Australia's eight.

Needed
Pakistan seemed to have the match sewn up by the start of the 45th and final over, with only two runs needed for victory. The 20,000 crowd in Lahore's Gaddafi stadium was already celebrating noisily.

But after a single had levelled the scores, Dodemaide tied down left-arm fast bowler Wasim Akram and then had him superbly caught by Allan Border in the covers from the penultimate delivery.

All eyes were on Qadir, who had to survive one ball to give Pakistan victory. He took the precaution of consulting the umpires before taking his place at the wicket.

The win gives Pakistan a measure of compensation for last November's upset defeat by Australia in the semifinal of the one-day World Cup in the same stadium.

Before the last-over drama, Mudassar Nazar played the significant innings by anchoring Pakistan with a fine 76. He also took two wickets with his medium-pacers, and was made

Man of the Match. Geoff Marsh occupied a similar batting role for Australia after they were put in, opening with David Boon and lasting for more than 40 overs to score 89 off 125 balls.

Boon hit 38 and Jamie Siddons contributed a valuable 32, but the rest of the side failed to build fully on the excellent opening partnership of 71.

Captain Allan Border deflected a wide ball onto his stumps after scoring 11 and Mike Veletta went for only 18, while five wickets tumbled for 21 towards the end of the innings.

Wasim Akram, back in the side after missing the Test series with a groin strain, took three for 38.

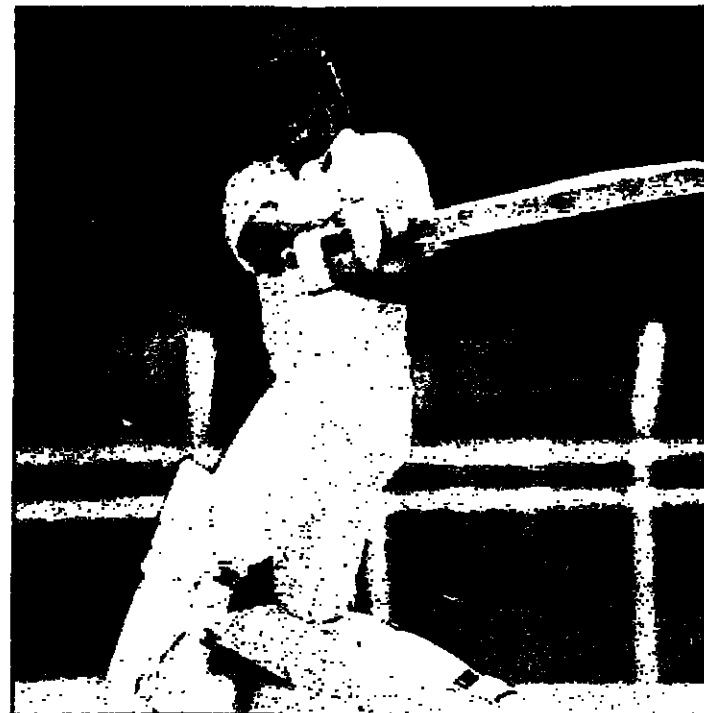
Mudassar and Rameez Raja gave Pakistan a useful start by putting on 53, but it was the second-wicket partnership of 88 between Mudassar and Salim Malik that thrust their side well in the way to success.

Salim scored a quick-fire 44 off 43 balls before being caught by Border off fast bowler Craig McDermott.

Pakistan were comfortably ahead on run-rate and seemed to have the match under control when they suddenly faltered. McDermott ran out Mudassar, Javed Miandad was trapped lbw for 10 by off-spinner Peter Taylor, and Manzoor Elahi was run out for 13.

Big-hitting Ejaz Ahmed seemed to have made the match secure by hammering 11 off the 43rd over, from Dodemaide, but he was bowled by Steve Waugh, and it was left to Qadir to cling on for the closest of victories.

The match marked the end of the turbulent tour. Three one-day games were originally scheduled but the other two were



Salim Malik: hit 44 runs of 43 balls

cancelled because of flooding and riots.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan cricket board announced today that Miandad would retain the Pakistan captaincy, with Abdul Qadir promoted to vice-captain, for the three-nation Champions Trophy tournament in Sharjah.

The limited overs competition in the United Arab Emirates starts on Sunday. India and West Indies complete the line-up.

Leg-spinner Qadir has been elevated to the vice-captaincy ahead of all-rounder Mudassar Nazar, who is the most senior player after Miandad and was generally expected to be deputy leader.

There are, however, no surprise selections in the side. It

includes all-rounders Wasim Akram, Manzoor Elahi and Aamer Malik, who will also act as emergency wicketkeeper.

Pakistan play their first match on Tuesday against the loser of the India-West Indies game.

Squad: Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Moin-ul-Ateeq, Shoaib Mohammad, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmed, Salim Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Salim Akram, Iqbal Qasim, Manzoor Elahi, Tauseef Ahmed.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) lost money on Australia's tour because of floods, rioting and poor crowds, a spokesman said. BCCP secretary Arif Abbasi

said it would take two weeks to calculate the full extent of the losses.

But the cancellation of two of the three one-day internationals, which normally bring good revenue, was the biggest blow.

Attendance during the three Tests was poor, due partly to the absence of national sporting idol Imran Khan. He opted out of the series saying the weather was too hot and humid at this time of year for playing, or watching, cricket.

Miandad, who took over as captain in Imran's absence, has been criticised in the Pakistani press for refusing to "make a match" of the second and third Tests.

In the second Test he delayed his declaration until the target was obviously way beyond Australia's reach. In the third, Pakistan made no attempt at a challenging target set by Allan Border.

Pakistan won the first Test by an innings amid Australian protests over the pitch and the umpiring.

The 40-day tour was plagued with difficulties even before it began. The opening three-day game had to be moved from Rawalpindi out of respect for President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a plane crash two weeks earlier.

Re-arranged

It was also brought forward a day, giving the Australians no rest day to recover from their journey. The second three-day game in Quetta also had to be rearranged to avoid playing on a national holiday, previously overlooked by the organisers.

The first one-day international, due to be held in Gujranwala, north of Lahore, was scrapped because of massive flooding in the region. Unsuccess-

ful attempts were made to switch it to Faisalabad.

The other two one-day matches were scheduled for Hyderabad and Karachi. But the massacre of more than 180 people two weeks ago in Hyderabad and subsequent ethnic rioting in Karachi left them largely under curfew and in no mood for cricket.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	
D. Boon lbw b Mudassar	38
G. Marsh b Akram	89
A. Border c Miandad b Qadir	11
M. Veletta c Shoaib b Akram	32
J. Siddons c Shoaib b Akram	32
S. Waugh run out	12
P. Taylor run out	7
C. McDermott lbw b Akram	6
L. Healy run out	5
A. Dodemaide not out	5
Extras (lb-3 w-6 nb-1)	10
Total (for eight wickets, 45 overs)	229
Did not bat: T. May	
Fall of wickets: 1-71 2-94 3-146 4-196 5-199 6-208 7-216 8-217	
Bowling: Wasim Akram 9-0-39-3, Moin-ul-Ateeq 8-0-39-0, Manzoor Elahi 7-0-23-0, Mudassar Nazar 9-0-40-2, Abdul Qadir 7-0-36-1, Shoaib Mohammad 1-0-6-0, Javed Miandad 7-0-44-0	
PAKISTAN	
Mudassar Nazar run out	76
Rameez Raja c Dodemaide b May	24
Salim Malik c Border b McDermott	44
Javed Miandad lbw Taylor	10
Ejaz Ahmed b Waugh	39
Manzoor Elahi run out	13
Saleem Yousaf not out	4
Wasim Akram c Border b Dodemaide	1
Abdul Qadir not out	0
Extras (lb-4 nb-4)	18
Total (for seven wickets, 45 overs)	229
Did not bat: Shoaib Mohammad, Moin-ul-Ateeq	
Fall of wickets: 1-53 2-141 3-168 4-170 5-204 6-226 7-229	
Bowling: McDermott 9-0-43-1, Dodemaide 8-0-36-1, May 9-1-30-1, Waugh 8-0-42-1, Taylor 9-0-48-1, Border 2-0-16-0	
Pakistan won by virtue of losing fewer wickets.	

Biaison wins world title in style

SAN REMO, Italy, Oct 14, (Reuters): Italy's Massimo Biaison clinched the World Rally Drivers' Championship today, winning the San Remo Rally in commanding style.

The 30-year-old from Bassano Del Grappa needed only to finish in the first six to secure the title with one rally to go, but he remained true to his word and drove all out to win on home ground.

The win, in front of an enthusiastically partisan crowd, crowned a fine season for Biaison, who has won five rallies

and led the standings since April. He now has an unassailable 115 points in the standings, ahead of compatriot Alessandro Fiorio on 76 and veteran Finn Markku Ales on 66.

Behind
Next month's RAC Rally in Britain will settle the struggle for second place.

Fiorio finished second to Biaison at San Remo, trailing the champion by 53 seconds with compatriot Dario Cerrato third, one minute 54 seconds behind.

The first four places went to Lancia Delta Integrales. The

Fiat-owned Lancia had already won the makers' championship. Biaison took over the lead on Wednesday from Spain's Carlos Sainz, whose two-wheel drive Ford Sierra Cosworth had performed well on the asphalt of the first stages of the race but succumbed to the better handling of the Lancia on dirt surfaces later.

Final leading places:
1. Massimo Biaison (Italy) Lancia Delta Integrales six hours six minutes 41 seconds.
2. Alessandro Fiorio (Italy) Lancia Delta Integrales 53 seconds

behind.
3. Dario Cerrato (Italy) Lancia Delta Integrales 1:54
4. Markku Ales (Finland) Lancia Delta Integrales 2:14
5. Carlos Sainz (Spain) Ford Sierra Cosworth 6:18
6. Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) Toyota 4WD 9:55
7. Stig Blomqvist (Sweden) Ford Sierra Cosworth 23:17
8. Raimund Baumschlager (Italy) VW Golf 29:39
9. Paolo Alessandrini (Italy) Lancia Delta Integrales 30:34
10. Paola De Martini (Italy) Audi Quattro 31:56

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Edberg edges Kriek for semifinals

HONG KONG, Oct 14, (AP): Top-seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden beat Johan Kriek of the United States 7-5, 6-4 today to cruise to the semifinals of the Hong Kong Marlboro Tennis Championships.

Edberg, the Wimbledon champion, who is ranked third in the world, outplayed the erratic Kriek who wasted two service breaks in both sets.

The South African born Kriek dropped his first serve but quickly evened up things when he broke Edberg right back in the next game.

Kriek then went on to win four games in a row but failed to capitalise on the advantage, committing several unforced errors.

Edberg broke Kriek back in the 9th game and took the set when he again broke the American in the 12th game.

In the next set, Kriek once again scored the first break of serve in the 5th game. Kriek, however, had problems with his serves and volleys, giving the Swede the chance to bounce back and break the American in the 8th game.

Evert and Hanika in last eight

FILDERSTADT, West Germany, Oct 14, (Reuters): Chris Evert beat Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist 6-1 7-6 (7-5) in the second round of the Filderstadt women's tennis tournament yesterday to set up a quarterfinal clash against West German Sylvia Hanika.

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Stage set for 8th International Paralympics

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 14, (AP): The Olympic torch was lit again at Seoul's city hall today in a celebration of balloons and bands, this time carried by an athlete in a wheelchair, a participant in the 8th International Paralympics.

Even as Ku Ja-Young, a South Korean archer, handed the flaming torch to the mayor, officials were saying they hoped the Games which open tomorrow would focus worldwide attention on the plight of the disabled.

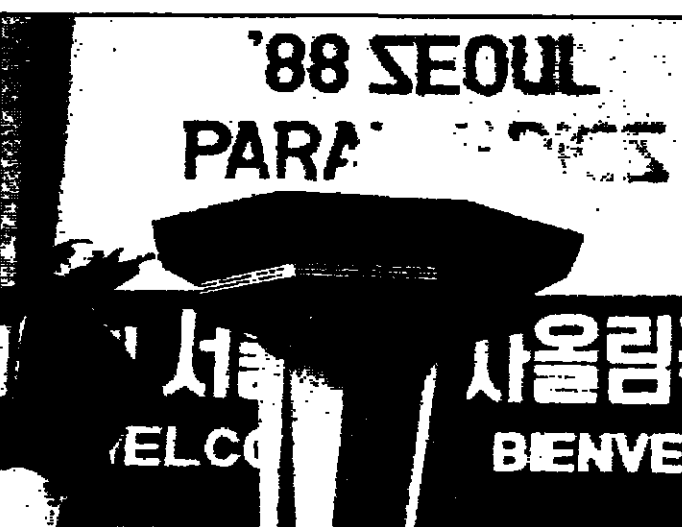
Officials also announced that for the first time, athletes at the Paralympics will be tested for drugs.

Help

"This Games will stimulate public opinion and government to do more to help the disabled," said Seoul Mayor Kim Hyong-Nae.

After the torch ceremony, the mayor pushed through the crowd of several hundred people to greet about 100 children, many in wheelchairs, who had come from a Seoul rehabilitation school.

The celebration for the flame, which will stay overnight at city hall, was similar to festivities staged a month ago for the Olympic flame. There were three bands, a chorus, pink and yellow balloons and a large flower



Mayor Kim lights the flame in front of city hall.

(Reuters wirephoto)

pyramid nearby with two revolving bears on top. The bears are the symbol of the Paralympics.

The crowds may be smaller, and the events not as large, said a city official, "but this Olympics is important to many people who want to wake up the world to disabled people."

There are banners on city streets, welcome signs at intersections and a torch relay with 280 athletes, 88 of them in wheelchairs. Sporting events will be free, and the local media as well as Games organisers are

encouraging South Koreans to attend.

More than 4,000 participants from 65 nations, including six communist countries, are scheduled to participate. There will be 883 competitions in 16 sports.

"The disabled receive courage and ordinary people receive understanding from these Games," said Jens Bromann-Jensen of Copenhagen, Denmark, president of the International Co-ordinating Committee of world sports organisations for



Scruton (right) and Jensen at the press conference.

(Reuters wirephoto)

the disabled (ICC). Jensen is blind.

The ICC announced that athletes will be subject to drug testing for the first time since the Paralympics began in 1960.

"The Games are now in a world stature," said Joan Scruton of London, secretary general of the ICC. "We are the equivalent of the Olympic Games."

She said a decision was made to institute drug testing because it is required in other world-class athletic competitions and the

ICC feels the Paralympics should be no different.

She said four doctors would supervise the testing and any competitor who tested positive would be expelled from competition.

"Many people in society are still indifferent to the disabled, and disabled people are frustrated," said Koh Ki-Nam, president of the Seoul Paralympic Organising Committee, at a news conference. He said the Paralympics were a "starting point for improvement."

Budd resists temptation of rebel meet

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 14, (Reuters): Zola Budd is resisting the temptation to re-enter competitive athletics by running against an international track team on a rebel tour of South Africa, a Johannesburg newspaper said yesterday.

"It's out of the question," South African-born Budd told the Afrikaans-language newspaper Beeld. "I can just imagine what will happen to these athletes."

Fifteen athletes from the United States, Brazil and Kenya are in South Africa for three meets with local track stars. The first is scheduled to take place in Pretoria tomorrow.

Beaten

The team includes Ruth Wysocki, an American middle-distance runner who has already beaten Budd's arch-rival, Mary Slaney.

Budd became a British citizen in 1984 and ran against Slaney at the Los Angeles Olympics that year where she and the American, collided in a dramatic accident that left their rivalry unresolved.

She went on to win a number of world class events and was twice World Cross-country champion.

Earlier this year she was suspended for one year for attending



Zola Budd

two track meets in South Africa. Budd is now studying at a university in Bloemfontein and recently became engaged to a local liquor millionaire.

South Africa has been barred from world athletics since 1976 in protest against the Pretoria government's race policies.

"All foreign athletes who compete in South Africa will be suspended," Budd told Beeld. "I was suspended just because I came here on a visit. I want to keep all my options open, including the option of international competition once my suspension is over."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Australian tennis

SYDNEY, Oct 14, (Reuters): Second seed Andres Gomez recovered from losing the second set and his temper to reach the semifinals of the Australian indoor tennis tournament today. Gomez beat Japan's Shuichi Matsuo 7-6 (9-7) 5-7 6-2 to book a clash with fifth seed Slobodan Zivonovic, the first time the erstwhile doubles partners have faced each other.

Graf fired

GENEVA, Oct 14, (Reuters): West German Steffi Graf will not defend her European indoor title in Zurich next week because she is too tired.

Belgian squad

BRUSSELS, Oct 14, (Reuters): Belgian coach Guy Thys was forced to leave out goalkeeper Michel Preud'homme when he named a 17-man squad on Friday for next Wednesday's World Cup European Group Seven qualifying tie against Switzerland.

Dave Beasant

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): England manager Bobby Robson today called up Newcastle United goalkeeper Dave Beasant as injuries continued to upset England's preparations for their opening World Cup European Group Two qualifying tie against Sweden next Wednesday.

Swiss Masters

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): The International Squash Players' Association (ISPA) today denied making financial demands leading to the cancellation of next month's Swiss Masters tournament.

American athletes

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Oct 14, (AP): The Organisation of African Unity, reacting to reports American athletes will compete in South Africa, today urged the United States to take "action to prevent the repetition of such events."

Jockey killed

NEW YORK, Oct 14, (Reuters): Veteran jockey Mike Venezia was killed yesterday when he fell off his mount during the fifth race at Belmont race course and was apparently kicked in the face by a trailing horse.

Top boxer

MEXICO CITY, Oct 14, (Reuters): The World Boxing Council (WBC) yesterday named American Roger Mayweather Jr. Boxer of the Month for October for his September 22 super-lightweight title defence against Mexican Rodolfo Gonzalez.

Mile race

NEW YORK, Oct 14, (Reuters): A host of world class athletes, including 10 Seoul Olympians, will line up tomorrow for a run down of New York's most famous streets in the ninth edition of the Fifth Avenue Mile.

Euro-soccer

GENEVA, Oct 14, (Reuters): The European Football Union's (UEFA) organising committee has recommended that Sweden hosts the 1992 European Championship finals, an official said today.

French team

PARIS, Oct 14, (Reuters): French national soccer coach Henri Michel today named an unchanged 16-man squad for the World Cup Group Five qualifying tie in Cyprus on Oct 22.

Atletico coach

MARBELLA, Spain, Oct 14, (Reuters): Ron Atkinson, manager of English Second Division soccer club West Bromwich Albion, signed a preliminary agreement yesterday to coach Atletico Madrid, sources at the Spanish side said.

McNally replaced

LONDON, Oct 14, (Reuters): Northern Ireland called up midfielder Gary Fleming yesterday to replace the injured Bernard McNally for next Wednesday's World Cup European Group Six soccer qualifier against Hungary in Budapest.

Sweden's hopes

GOTHENBURG, Oct 14, (Reuters): Sweden's hopes of a morale-boosting victory in preparation for their World Cup qualifying match against England in London next week were frustrated by heavy rain and a solid Portuguese defence on Wednesday night. The match ended 0-0.

France win

BESANCON, France, Oct 14, (Reuters): France won the European under-21 Soccer Championship on Wednesday when they overpowered Greece 3-0 in the second leg of the final to secure a 3-0 aggregate triumph.